



# GOLF CLUB FOR SALE AT £2.25m

Report by Clare Butler

**"WE hope someone will take the club forward in a manner that we can all continue to be proud of."**

The words of Hagley Golf and Country Club's managing director, Peter Johnson, as the popular course is put on the market, with offers invited in the region of £2.25 million.

The club at Wassell Grove, near Halesowen, has been put up for sale by the Garratt family following the death of the club's principal shareholder Michael Garratt.

Their facilities include an 18-hole (par 72) golf course, a 28-bay floodlit golf driving range, an all-weather short game area, golf academy and professional's shop.

The mature course has played host to a number of high-profile competitions, including the Senior Midlands County Regional Qualifier in 2015, the County Brandhall Golf Vase in 2016, and is the proposed venue for the Worcestershire County Championship in 2017.

There is also a two storey clubhouse which includes four conference and function rooms, four bars, staff accommodation and a business centre with seven let office suites.

Mr Johnson, who took over the running of the club in 2000, added: "My family has owned the club since its inception in 1980 and the land on which it sits for more than 150 years. The family is very proud of its long association with the club and its members.

"I moved across from Australia to take over the club from my uncle. Since then it has gone from strength to strength.

## Prestigious

"Some of our highlights include the business centre which opened in 2014, the refurbished locker rooms in 2015 and the main championships that we host too, which have been prestigious.

"Sadly since the death of Michael it has changed the family dynamic, so we think it's the best time to test the market.

"For 36 years the family have owned the club and a lot of what we have done has been with the committee, and we would like it to remain as a golf venue rather than anything else."

The club has more than 500 members. It is set in 170 acres with views overlooking the Clent Hills and the golf course is considered one of the most challenging in the area.

Bilfinger GVA has been appointed to find a buyer. Ben Allen, who is handling the sale, said: "Hagley Golf and Country Club is a fantastic facility, one that has had the benefit of circa £600,000 capital investment in recent years. The whole property is presented to the highest of standards. The club has the air of a true members club, yet generates a strong operating profit, with turnover approaching £1.1 million, and has potential for further commercialisation."

## £5 MILLION CARE COMPLEX IS NEARLY READY



The £5 million Gower Gardens Care Complex, in Kent Road, Halesowen, is close to opening its doors to residents

A 66-bedroom care complex is less than a month away from opening in Halesowen.

Gower Gardens, a three-storey home in Kent Road, is in the final stages before its doors open to new residents in September.

The build, costing £5 million, has been led by Rowley Regis-based Black Country Housing Group (BCHG) and replaces 1960s-built Shenstone Care Home demolished last year. That was closed by Dudley Council in 2012 as not fit for purpose.

The housing group has appointed manager Sandra Roper to the care home. Work on the

new building is almost complete, with attention from developers now turning to finishing the garden area.

Up to 50 jobs will be created. The care home will also feature six independent living bungalows.

Councillor Alan Taylor, who represents Halesowen South, said: "I think it is very good for the area. Visually, it looks far better than Shenstone because that was becoming an eyesore."

Sandra Roper brings more than 30 years' experience in the care sector to the new home.

Sandra, and will have responsibility 52 staff.

Sandra said: "We can't wait to show off the amazing facilities at Gower Gardens and know that the home will provide a vibrant and active environment for residents, whilst engaging with the local community."

Gower Gardens will provide a home for older people with care needs. The new facility will also provide specialist dementia care and includes en-suite bedrooms.

BCHG will host an open day on September 4, at Gower Gardens. Call 0121 289 3965 or email gowergardens@bchg.co.uk for details.

## EDUCATION

### Children's services to stay with council

DUDLEY'S children's services department will continue to be run by the local authority, thanks to improvements.

The Department for Education threatened to take the department out of the control of the council after failings were uncovered by Ofsted inspectors in April.

However, since troubleshooter Eleanor Brazil was brought in to get children's services up to scratch, the situation has improved. A new report says chiefs are 'focussed, ambitious and creative' and that Ms Brazil has brought 'rigour and thoroughness' to improving the department.

## RECREATION

### Park's dog-free zone set to stay

A CONTROVERSIAL six-month scheme that saw dogs banned from a section of Himley Park could become permanent.

The pet-free zone covered the park's main entrance down to the West Gate, running alongside the Himley Road. The rest of the park is still available for dog owners to walk their pets.

The six-month trial came into force in February and, although it was due to come to an end last week, council bosses say it will continue for the foreseeable future.

## CRIME

### Teenager fought off sex attacker

A TEENAGE girl was sexually assaulted in a Rowley Regis park before she was able to fight back and flee.

The victim entered Britannia Park from Britannia Road, when she was grabbed from behind and knocked to the floor around 11pm last Monday (August 1).

She fought back, possibly slightly injuring her attacker who was described as mixed race or Asian, of medium build and with brown hair. He was wearing a dark hooded top, dark trousers and trainers.

The victim asked a group for a cigarette outside the Britannia Inn prior to the attack. Anyone who can help police call 101.

## INSIDE:

**YOUR 66 PLATE  
NEW REG GUIDE**



**JORDANS SOLICITORS**

*Friendly, efficient  
and price  
competitive*



Here at  
**Jordans Solicitors**  
we offer, Conveyancing  
both Residential and  
Commercial, Wills and  
Probate, Powers of Attorney  
& Family Law...

If the regular office hours 9.00am to 5.00pm  
Monday to Friday are not very convenient  
for you we can offer Thursday evening and  
Saturday morning

1 Summer Hill, Halesowen B63 3BU Tel: 0121 585 3900  
35 Payne Street, Blackheath, West Midlands B65 0DH  
Telephone: 0121 559 2922

[www.jordans-solicitors.co.uk](http://www.jordans-solicitors.co.uk)



<b>CONTENTS</b>	
MEMORY LANE	5
MARK ANDREWS	6
LETTERS	7
MOTORIZING	17
THE FAST TICKET	33
PUZZLES	39
PROPERTY	41
SPORT	47 & 48
<b>CONTACT US</b>	

**EDITORIAL:**  
Tel: 01384 353201/01384 353205  
E-mail: dudley.chrons@expressandstar.co.uk

**SPORTS:**  
Tel: 01902 319453  
E-mail: chron.sport@expressandstar.co.uk

**PHOTOGRAPHIC:** Tel: 01902 319430  
E-mail: picturedesk@expressandstar.co.uk

**ADVERTISING:** Nicola Cope  
Tel: 01902 319573  
E-mail: nicola.cope@expressandstar.co.uk

**PROPERTY:** Marguerita Finnegan  
Tel: 01902 319627  
E-mail: marguerita.finnegan@expressandstar.co.uk

**MOTORIZING:** Liz Barratt  
Tel: 01384 353244  
E-mail: liz.barratt@expressandstar.co.uk

**CLASSIFIED:**  
Tel: 01902 317878  
E-mail: my-classified@expressandstar.co.uk

**DISTRIBUTION:** Paul Jones  
Tel: 01902 319990  
E-mail: p.jones@expressandstar.co.uk

Halesowen  
**CHRONICLE**

51-53 Queen Street  
Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES  
Open Monday to Friday 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm  
[www.yourchronicle.com](http://www.yourchronicle.com)

DON'T MISS YOUR  
**Express & Star**

EVERY DAY  
**PETER RHODES**  
The man who takes a sideways look at life

EVERY SATURDAY  
**NIGEL HASTILOW**  
He always tackles the hot topics head-on

# Tributes paid to popular musician



John Cooke – died suddenly

TRIBUTES have been paid to a much-loved Black Country figure, known for his music and signature bandana, who has died suddenly.

John Cooke could often be seen cycling around Stourbridge, and lived in The Broadway, Norton.

According to friends he died on July 30 from a heart attack, aged 67. He was well-known for not only being a talented musician but as a mentor to others in the area, as well as a regular face in the town's Caffe Nero.

Close friend and freelance composer

Marcus Tristan has published his own musical tribute to John on Facebook. Mr Tristan was the associate composer with the St Petersburg State Symphony Orchestra Klassika, and his tribute to John is called Quixote Dreaming.

He explained: "John was a lifelong admirer and adherent of the poetry of Lord Byron, and pictured himself as the romantic hero of the poem Don Juan, swashbuckling hero who was irresistible to all women and with a sardonic wit and turn of phrase. In actual fact, John was a much deeper, more sympathetic

character than the Don in Byron. John was much more the kind, chivalrous and idealistic Don in Cervantes' Don Quixote, who tilted at windmills in idealistic fervour but who also was possessed of high moral principles which made him the kindest, most generous man I have ever known."

Memories of John have filled his Facebook page. Milton Reame-James said: "He was an intrinsic part of a great scene. I'm glad so many have shared their memories of this one-off, fun and well loved guy."

# Windfall will have big impact on job prospects

**MORE than £50million will be pumped into the Black Country in a bid to boost employment prospects for young people, it has been announced.**

The project is a joint scheme between Sandwell, Dudley, Walsall and Wolverhampton councils which started two years ago.

Called the Black Country Impact scheme, it is aimed at helping unemployed people aged between 15 and 29. It attempts to help them in to work, education and training.

The councils were quickly joined by Black Country Talent Match, a project led by the Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council and funded through the Big Lottery.

The partnership has won approval from the Department of Work and Pensions for £34 million of new European Union funding, matched by £8 million from the Big Lottery Fund. More cash will come from partners, bringing the total to spend on the programme over the next two years to £51million.

## Barriers

The project aims to help young adults overcome the barriers to employment by providing a programme tailored to their individual needs.

This includes by having a key worker or mentor trained to support the young adult with employability and skills, offering advice and guidance which could also incorporate help with travel, childcare and equipment, and even brokering between the individual and the opportunity they decide upon.

Dudley Council took responsibility for steering the project. Leader Councillor Pete Lowe said: "We are delighted to have successfully secured these much needed funds for our residents."

"There can be no doubt that these are challenging times for some young adults in the Black Country."

"Through the Black Country Impact we are determined to tackle the barriers that may be preventing some young adults from becoming all they can."

"Impact gives its partners the ability to work across the sub-region, co-ordinating activities and simplifying access to services for young adults."

## MP's action call over disused pub



There are urgent calls to demolish the former Doll's House pub which has been empty for more than two years

AN MP and councillors have called for the demolition of an empty Tividale pub, which they say is an eyesore.

West Bromwich West MP Adrian Bailey has joined forces with Tividale councillors Maria Crompton, Lorraine Ashman and Sandra Hevican, to call on the London-based owners to tear down the old Doll's House.

The site is near residential properties in Newbury Lane and Ascot Close. The pub closed over two

years ago and was recently subject to a suspected arson attack.

Mr Bailey says residents are extremely concerned about the building's proximity to a petrol station. The former pub has also become a haven for fly-tippers.

The empty property is owned by MAS Properties, based in South West London. Sandwell Council wrote to the company asking it to take action, but nothing has been done.

Mr Bailey said: "I have written

to MAS Properties asking them to put the property in good order urgently. If not, then to have it demolished and the site made safe."

"If I fail to obtain a response, I shall be seeking legal advice with Sandwell Council and seeking to bring this matter to a close."

"The site has become an absolute eyesore. The situation cannot go on any longer."

No-one from MAS Properties was available to comment on the situation.

# Society's mortgage applications up to £54m

A BUILDING society has reported a big increase in the number of mortgage applications and completions in the first six months of this year as more people in the Black Country look to get on to the property ladder.

Between January and June, mortgage applications at The Tipton and Coseley Building Society reached £54.86 million which compared to £38.29m during the same period last year – an increase of 43 per cent.

Half-year mortgage completions in 2016 totalled £35.91m, compared to £21.73m in 2015, which was up by more than 65 per cent for the society.

Richard Newton, the Tipton's chief executive, said: "The economic outlook remains challenging so to achieve such upbeat figures is a great achievement."

"We've helped many of our customers get onto the property ladder as a result of our competitive mortgages, which includes our new 100 per cent Family Assist and Shared Ownership mortgages, and we'll continue to work hard to widen our product range."

The Tipton's 100 per cent Family Assist mortgage has been designed to help those who don't have a deposit to borrow up to 100 per cent of the property's purchase price, with a collateral charge taken as additional security against a family member's property.

A valuation of the purchase property and family member's property are required, charged at the Tipton's normal scale fees. There are no product fees with the Family Assist mortgage.

## Teams' help for leukaemia charity

TWO teams from a West Bromwich firm have raised £7,371.00 for Cure Leukaemia. Dressed as mermaids, pirates and Snurfs, colleagues from Interserve's West Bromwich operation took part in a dragon boat race to raise money.

The Interserve teams joined other companies for a day of racing and family fun, in Brindleyplace, Birmingham.

Cure Leukaemia funds a network of specialist research nurses based at its Centre for Clinical Haematology at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham and across the Midlands.

These expert nurses allow blood cancer patients, that have exhausted standard treatments for the disease, access to potentially life-saving and sometimes world first clinical trials not yet available through standard care.

## Zoo sadness over death of sealion

THE oldest sealion has died at Dudley Zoo. Patagonian sealion Cleo died from natural causes on Thursday afternoon. In June 2 she had turned 28, making her one of the oldest sealions in captivity with life expectancy usually between 20 and 25.

**ABLE & BROMLEY CARPETS/BEDS**  
WHOLESALE & RETAIL WAREHOUSE

**UPTO 75% OFF** **SOFAS, VINYLs AND LAMINATES** Est 1978

Disabled. Can't Get Out. OAP Or anyone needing that extra help? Can't come to us - We'll come to you We will bring 100's of carpet samples, sofa and bed brochures to your door

**WE DO WHAT OTHER CARPET FIRMS WON'T**  
Remove and take away old carpets/beds  
Move heavy furniture and shave doors  
Terms and conditions apply.

Unit D Dormston Trading Estate, Burton Road, Upper Gornal  
[www.ablecarpets.co.uk](http://www.ablecarpets.co.uk)  
**FREEPHONE 0800 0853747** **COVERS ALL AREAS**

• Halesowen • Hasbury • Cradley • Hayley Green • Oldhill • Rowley Regis • Blackheath • Oldbury

Adrian Bromley  
**01902 880541**

**THE CAKE COMPANY UK**  
Bespoke cake makers and cake supplies

• Celebration cakes from £35  
• Wedding cakes from £199  
• Edible A4 icing sheets • Cake schools

**New Opening Times**  
Mon-Sat 9-5pm  
Late Night Thursdays  
Open until 7pm

62 Long Lane, Halesowen B62 9LS | 0121 559 8999  
Mobile: 0772 075 8172 | [www.thecakecompanyuk.co.uk](http://www.thecakecompanyuk.co.uk)

**HOMECLAD**

- FASCIAS
- GUTTERING
- SOFFITS
- CLADDING
- TILE EDGING

**BEST VALUE IN THE MIDLANDS**  
PREMIUM PRODUCTS EXPERTLY FITTED BY A LOCAL FAMILY COMPANY

**SPECIAL OFFER**  
FREE guttering and downpipes

**0800 73 13 946**  
CALL FOR A NO OBLIGATION QUOTE  
8 ABBOTSFORD DRIVE DUDLEY DY1 2HD

**BROKEN DENTURES?**  
The Dental Shop

While You Wait Denture Repair Service!  
Denture Cleaning Service Available!  
Makers of Quality New Dentures!

01384 413444  
07701 067261

**Footworks**  
Chiropody Clinic

Treatments available are:  
• Diabetic Foot Care  
• Corn Removal  
• Callus Reduction  
• Toe Nail Cutting and Trimming  
• Ingrown Toe nail removal  
• General Foot Care

**Home Visit Service Available!**  
**01384 413444**  
Footworks 201 - 203 Halesowen Road, Old Hill, B64 6HE



# Councils in different policies on term holidays

PARENTS who take their children out of schools in Staffordshire for holidays of up to 10 days will no longer be fined – but Dudley Council is still insisting that absences in term time will only be allowed ‘in exceptional circumstances’.

County council bosses voted on the temporary rule change following the recent Isle of Wight case, which saw a father fined £120 after he took his daughter out of school for a holiday. The High Court decided his punishment was unlawful, prompting Staffordshire to suspend fining parents.

Councils across the country have issued more than 208,000 holiday fines, reaping £12.5 million, since laws were brought in during 2013 allowing them to fine each parent £60 for each child taken out of school during term time.

Councillor Ben Adams, Staffordshire’s education chief, said the decision to impose a 10-day limit on term-time holidays pending a full review was ‘a commonsense approach’.

Holidays taken in school holidays can cost thousands of pounds more than those during term. The Wight case is currently under appeal.

Councillor Ian Cooper, Dudley Council’s cabinet member for children’s services, said that schools would ‘continue not to authorise leave of absence in term time except in exceptional circumstances’.

“For the time being it does mean we have revised our procedures and are taking into account a longer period of time when assessing whether to take proceedings or not,” he added.

# Engineers sign up firm for £12m

A TIVIDALE street lighting manufacturer has been bought by West Midlands engineering group Hill & Smith in a £12.5 million deal.

Signature Ltd employs around 130 people at its three sites, at Tividale, Winsford in Cheshire and Renfrewshire in Scotland.

Hill & Smith, which makes road safety barriers at its factory in Bilston, said Signature’s road signs, traffic signals, street lights and bus shelters would add to its existing range of products.

There is no suggestion the deal will have any impact on jobs.

Signature, based at Hainge Road, had been sold to Hill & Smith by its previous owner, the French-based Plastic Omnium Group.

# Police in witness plea over stabbing

A TEENAGER was in a serious but stable condition in hospital after being stabbed in the leg in Lye High Street. Police are appealing for witnesses after an 18-year-old man was stabbed at 1.44am Sunday. Call 101.

# Scene of the damage after massive blaze



The aftermath of devastation caused by the huge fire at Environcom’s yard in Lye

A HUGE fire at a recycling firm in the Black Country started accidentally, it has been revealed as new images emerge showing the aftermath of the blaze.

The fire happened at Environcom’s recycling yard in Lye on Sunday.

West Midlands Fire Service investigators have said the fire was accidental, caused by the over-heating of a cooling substance recycling from fridges and freezers at the site.

Huge plumes of black smoke from the fire at the Rufford Street site was visible for miles around, even from

the Edgbaston cricket ground. It led to a stretch of Stourbridge Road being closed for several hours and a cautionary warning to trains passing nearby.

Pictures of the devastation caused by the blaze have been shared on Twitter by Sandwell photographer John Kennett, including charred cars at neighbouring Stratstone Land Rover.

The flames spread from Environcom’s recycling yard to the dealership, who have confirmed that they have now passed the incident on to their insurers.

On Monday a spokesman for Environcom said: “We would like to thank the West Midlands Fire Service for their prompt and effective response to the incident.

“We regret the disruption and damage this caused to third parties.”

It is the third fire at the Lye recycling site in nine years, with the last being in April 2011 when it was Overton Recycling Ltd and a 30-ton pile of plastic went up in flames.

In May 2007, staff were evacuated after a fire started in a recycling machine.

# ‘Stupid’ pair blew up bedsit mixing drugs

TWO men blew up a bedsit, causing £50,000 damage, when one lit a cigarette as they mixed drugs with butane gas in an ill-fated bid to produce cannabis oil.

“This was more than foolhardy behaviour in what was already an extremely dangerous situation – the whole thing went up like something out of a cartoon,” Mr Andrew Wallace, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Terrence Scarrett and Matthew Coley were both badly burned by the blast that gutted the first floor Brierley Hill bedsit in which they were soaking cannabis leaves with the lighter fuel stored in gas cylinders.

The explosion on October 29 blew out windows and led to neighbouring properties being evacuated while fire crews battled the blaze. Nobody else was injured.

“The room they were using was burned to a cinder with the walls stripped back to the brickwork,” explained Mr Wallace.

Another resident at the house in Stourbridge Road, which had been split into five bedsits, told police: “I heard a loud bang. Scarrett was screaming ‘help me.’ They were trying to put the flames out with buckets – then, there was a second bang.”

## Scarred

Scarrett, aged 22, was living at the property while 26-year-old Coley was using a spare bedroom when the blast happened. Both went to hospital for treatment to serious burns to the arms and face that have left them scarred for life.

Fire investigators later explained: “The atmosphere in the room had been so volatile that a short out on a light switch would have been sufficient to spark an explosion.”

Mr Christopher O’Gorman, defending Scarrett of Kestrel Road, Russells Hall, said: “He is prone to making ridiculously stupid decisions and this was the worst of them.”

“The crass stupidity of the defendants created the circumstances in which the fire could ignite but they did not deliberately set it.”

Scarrett and Coley, of Blewitt Street, Brierley Hill, both pleaded guilty to arson when reckless as to whether life was endangered. Each was jailed for three years.

Judge Michael Challinor told them: “You put at risk the lives of other tenants and the fire officers who came to deal with the incident.”



Former EastEnders and 80s New Romantic pop star Martin Kemp will talk about his life and will answer fans’ questions at Stourbridge Town Hall

## Pop star and actor to meet his fans

POP star turned actor, TV and radio presenter, Martin Kemp, will be discussing his life and answering fans’ questions at Stourbridge Town Hall.

The 54-year-old found fame with his brother Gary in flamboyant pop group Spandau Ballet, before starring with his brother in 1990 hit movie The Krays.

The Londoner went on to play EastEnders villain Steve Owen. He was third in Celebrity Big Brother in 2012 and recently co-presented BBC Radio 2’s Saturday morning show during Graham Norton’s summer break.

Martin, who has been married to former Wham! backing singer Shirlie Holliman since 1988 and has two adult children, came to Dudley ten years ago to open Russells Hall Hospital’s CT scanning suite. He has twice been treated for brain tumours.

Tickets for An Audience with Martin Kemp at Stourbridge Town Hall on Friday, October 28, cost £20. Tickets are available at [www.dudley.gov.uk/entertainment](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/entertainment) or by calling (01384) 812812 (booking fees apply).

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Night time road closures ahead

A SECTION of Birmingham New Road will undergo three weeks of road resurfacing.

Highways bosses have given the green light to improve the road surface along a section of the A4123 Birmingham New Road, south of Tipton Road to Coneygree Road – close to Burnt Tree junction.

The work on the 900 metre section of road, north and southbound, starts on Monday and is expected to last three weeks. It will be carried out on weekday nights, from 7pm, to minimise disruption for motorists.

### Lead poison link to death of swan

A SWAN has died from suspected lead poisoning despite efforts by firefighters to save it.

Brierley Hill Fire Station helped to rescue the swan, after it was found by a member of the public in Cressett Avenue, Brierley Hill. In a tweet West Midlands Fire Service said: “Poor swan sadly suffering from suspected lead poisoning. Passed to @RSPCA, official following rescue by crews.”

The swan subsequently died. An RSPCA spokesman said: “This is a reminder about how dangerous fishing tackle can be for wildlife.”

### History of glass is subject of talk

STOURBRIDGE’S glassmaking heritage will be in the spotlight during a talk at the town’s library next week.

British Glass Foundation trustee Graham Fisher will give the talk, called ‘A New Home – The White House Cone’ start at 2.30pm on Wednesday (August 17).

Refreshments will be available from 2pm.

For more information and to book tickets, priced £3, contact the library on 01384 812945.

### Mayor to hand out garden show prizes

COMMUNITY gardens in Dudley are holding their second show this weekend. It is at the Jasmine Road Community Gardens, Kates Hill, on Saturday from 11am to 4pm, with plants for sale and entertainment.

The theme is up-cycling, which aims to find new uses for materials.

Councillor Mo Hanif, Mayor of Dudley, will hand out certificates to show winners. Categories include largest vegetable, the most classic shaped vegetable and the best up-cycled product.

### Arthritis support group

A SUPPORT group is on offer for people with arthritis in Dudley. The Dudley Rheumatoid Arthritis support group meets from 1.30 to 3.30pm on the first Thursday of the month at the King William pub, Pensnett Road, Holly Hall. Details via Edith on 01902 676 136 or Barbara on 01902 885734.



## LAPAL HOUSE



## Lapal Lane South, Halesowen B62 0ES

We currently have a vacancy at our Prestigious Residential Home.

For further information please ring Michelle Upperdine

0121 503 0326 or email [admin@lapalhouse.co.uk](mailto:admin@lapalhouse.co.uk)

Or visit our website [www.lapalhouse.co.uk](http://www.lapalhouse.co.uk) to view video of Lapal House



## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



YOU know how it is when you read a court case and think, no, that can't be right. A driver in Norfolk was clocked driving at 154 mph in something called a Seat Leon Cupra. The magistrates ordered him to pay £365 and banned him for 56 days. At first I assumed either the speed or the sentence was wrongly reported. But no, it seems the going rate for driving at 94 mph over the speed limit in Norfolk is a little less than two months off the roads. Police have described the sentence as "disappointing" which demolishes my initial theory that the 21-year-old driver must have been the Chief Constable's lad.

THE Seat Leon Cupra, incidentally, is capable of 155mph. Why is such a car offered for sale in a country where the maximum limit is 70mph? How does a 21-year-old get insurance to drive it?



NO, no, Donald. You're supposed to kiss the baby, not chuck it out of the meeting. American politics is founded on babies, motherhood and apple pie. Trump has managed to bad-mouth the first two in a single week. How long before he is overheard muttering: "Goddam apple pie, I hate it."

AND off to Sudeley Castle in the Cotswolds. As at so many attractions, there is a discount for over-60s in the belief that old people who can afford to wander around mediaeval castles are all living in grinding poverty. What happens in practice is that grey-haired folk glide into the car park in their BMWs and Mercs and get £1 knocked off the entry fee while ordinary working couples turn up in battered old people carriers and pay the full whack.

A FRIEND'S new house boasts four lavatories. Three are the modern, eco-friendly, water-saving WCs. The fourth is an old-fashioned low-level job with a cistern connected to the pan by a short pipe. The strange part is that the old-fashioned bog works perfectly with one flush but the modern ones have to be flushed twice.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Hopes over funds for queue-busting scheme

**HIGHWAYS bosses say they are hopeful a multi-million scheme to tackle congestion at a busy roundabout will be 'at the top of the queue' when funding to roads projects is allocated.**

Sandwell Council chiefs admit they are facing a waiting game over a proposed transformation of the Birchley Island in Oldbury, a notorious Black Country bottleneck.

By Richard Guttridge

A preferred option for the island, known as the 'hamburger' scheme which would see it be split in two to allow traffic to run through the centre of it, was approved by planners last year.

A business case will now be submitted to the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) in the hope of funding.

Regeneration boss Councillor Paul Moore told the latest meeting of the authority's cabinet: "A major business case will be submitted to the LEP and ultimately the combined authority.

### Positive

"It has received a positive endorsement that the council has the scheme shovel ready and ready to go by bringing it forward to the LEP and ensure Sandwell is at the top of the queue, so when the funding does become available hopefully we will see it come to fruition."

It was hoped work could have started by the end of last year, but drivers still regularly find themselves

stuck in jams at the roundabout which leads onto the M5 and is also on a major route in Birmingham.

If and when the work begins, it is expected to take two years to complete.

Birchley Island is used by around 92,000 drivers a day. Queues regularly build up during rush hour, particularly on the Birmingham New Road side heading towards the M5.

An overhaul of the roundabout has been backed by regular users - with 83 per cent of the public, motorists and businesses in favour of the congestion-busting proposal.

Under the plans, Wolverhampton Road will be reconstructed so it passes through the current island in both directions next to the electricity sub-station. There will also be four lanes from junction two of the M5 to and from Birchley Island and traffic signals will be installed along the Churchbridge approach.

## Romy noses around her home



Giant Anteater Romy in her paddock at Dudley Zoo

DUDLEY Zoo has welcomed a special new arrival at the Castle Hill attraction.

For all the species that the zoo has on offer, 11-month-old Romy is the first giant anteater at the zoo its 79-year history.

And Romy has wasted no time in roaming, she has been out and about exploring her new surroundings.

The anteater has joined from Olomuc Zoo in the Czech Republic.

Curator Richard Brown, said: "We're very excited to have Romy here. As a lot of visitors mistake our Brazilian tapirs for anteaters, they can actually see them now too and notice the differences.

"As we approach the zoo's 80th anniversary next year, it's great to still be bringing in new animals and be involved in even more conservation programmes."

Romy took her first steps out into her new paddock last week.

A species found in the tropical forests and grasslands of Central and South America, anteaters have no teeth and use their long tongues, which can project more than two feet, to eat up to 35,000 ants and termites a day in the wild.

## One in five passengers has to stand for a Brum rail journey

A FIFTH of rail passengers have to stand when travelling on trains in and out of Birmingham every day, according to a new report.

According to the Department of Transport, 20 per cent of passengers arriving at Birmingham on a typical day last year had to stand.

This compares to 30 per cent of passengers travelling in and out of London, 16 per cent in Leeds and Manchester and 12 per cent in Cardiff.

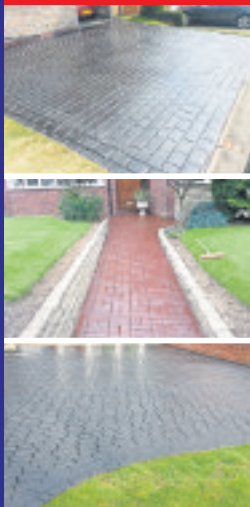
A total of 125,000 people travelled in an out of Birmingham on a typical day last year, only second to London, which had more than a million travellers a day.

The report said: "The worsening crowding levels show that capacity provision is not coping with rising levels of passenger demand."

Rail Minister Paul Maynard said: "These statistics reveal the unprecedented scale of passenger demand, with journeys doubling in the past 20 years."

The news has disappointed train drivers' union, Aslef. Mick Whelan, general secretary, said: "It's long been our contention that privatisation has failed to deliver for rail passengers in Britain. We're disappointed - but not surprised - by these figures. Disappointed for those passengers - especially those who are pregnant, or disabled - who have to suffer like this."

## DO YOU HAVE A BLOCK PAVING OR CONCRETE IMPRINT DRIVE?



- WEEDS GROWING THROUGH?
- CRACKS APPEARING?
- UNUSUALLY SLIPPERY WHEN WET?
- COLOUR FADING?
- WHITE & GREEN ALGAE SPOTS?



**AT BTF CLEANING WE SPECIALISE IN CLEANING, REPAIRING, RECOLOURING & SEALING DRIVEWAYS & PATIOS.**

Our expert knowledge and experience brings back to life the most dull & worn of driveways & patios.

We also specialise in cleaning all uPVC conservatories, gutters, fascias & soffits.

**BTF**  
CLEANING SERVICES LIMITED

[www.bttcleaningservices.co.uk](http://www.bttcleaningservices.co.uk)

Narrow Lane, Halesowen,  
West Midlands. B62 9ND

Tel/Fax No: 01384 568345

Mob: 07979 211302

## STOP PAIN...

..With our specialist in Acupuncture, Acupressure, Cupping & Ear Candle



We can help if you

- Suffer with pains in neck, shoulder, elbow, lower back & knee
- Suffer with pain or arthritis, trapped nervous, soft tissue injury & sciatica
- Suffer with pain from swollen joints after operations such as hip replacement and knee replacement
- Suffer with overweight

We can also help

- Infertile couples to get pregnant with a high success rate through acupuncture and herbs
- Infertile couples improving egg quality and sperm count prior to IVF treatment

Or any symptoms you are not sure of, visit us for a confidential consultation or telephone for an appointment

UK Registered  
20 Years  
Experience

Open 10.30 - 5.30  
Monday - Saturday

10B Peckingham Street,  
Halesowen

0121 585 9393







Hugh Porter, Councillor Steve Walto and Micky Whitehouse at Jack's plaque



Cross Country championship medal



Jack Price on the way to victory in the Midlands marathon, which saw him qualify for the 1908 Olympics



No mistaking who this belongs to



Medal for winning marathon trial race

# Decades on and medal is found in grandson's loft

IT was won by a Black Country runner more than 110 years ago in one of the first organised marathons in England.

But Jack Price's winning Coventry to West Bromwich trial marathon medal lay undiscovered for decades – a great shame for Halesowen Athletics Club, which he helped set up.

## Professional

But that disappointment has turned to delight for athletics fans after the medal was discovered by his grandson Micky Whitehouse as he searched for wedding photographs in his loft of his Halesowen home.

"I couldn't believe it when I came across the medal," said Mr Whitehouse. "I picked it up, read the inscription and thought 'I've found it'."

"It is a real treasure which will be

## MEMORY LANE

By Alex Ross

now kept in the family, passed down to the next generation."

The inscription reads 'Presented to J Price, Small Heath Harriers, by Mr HA Butler for winning marathon trial race, May 9 1908. Distance 25 1/2 miles. Time 2hrs 37min 13sec.'

The race, thought to be one of the first of its kind, sealed Price's position in the 1908 Olympic Games in London. He was one of Britain's 12 representatives for the marathon.

Unfortunately, he pulled out after 15 miles.

He turned professional but then served in the First World War in the Royal Garrison Artillery, fighting at The Battle of the Somme.

In the 1920s, he started a club that was a sub-section of Birchfield Harriers for 20 years before it became the Halesowen Athletics & Cycling Club.

His links with it continued until

his death in 1965 and club members turned up in their droves at the plaque unveiling.

Earlier this year a plaque was unveiled for Price, who was born in Shropshire but moved to Halesowen aged 17, in his home town's Somers Square.

And a drive at Halesowen Athletics Club's Manor Abbey Stadium has been named after him.

Mr Whitehouse said: "I have been calling for 25 years to get the plaque. He deserved it."

## Proud

"He was an amazing person and someone I am proud to say was part of my family."

Also found by Mr Whitehouse, of Barn Close, was a medal for an international cross country championship in 1906.

Mr Whitehouse said: "He was a remarkable man."

Halesowen Athletics & Cycling Club now plan to make a copy of the marathon medal and put it on display.



Jack Price wearing his 1908 Olympic and International Cross Country badges

A Summer Sensation ... from

Windows & Conservatories, Orangeries, Porches, Fascias & Soffit Boards

# RYDALE

CELEBRATING Our 31st ANNIVERSARY 2016

RYDALE 10 YEAR Insurance Backed GUARANTEED

REPAIR SERVICE AVAILABLE

ULTIMATE SECURITY GUARANTEE Rydale take security very seriously Guaranteed high security on ALL products Full details on request

MASSIVE DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE ON AUGUST INSTALLATIONS

Every window and conservatory is custom made to the most rigorous quality standards you will find in the industry.

No other company in the area has more experience and know how than Rydale, and that's why we have been in business for more than 31 years.

Supplied & Fitted...across the Midlands

Replace the existing roof on your conservatory and create a comfortable environment and a room you can use all year round

Long Lane, Blackheath, Halesowen B62 9LS

Open Weekdays 9am to 5.30pm Saturday 9am to 4pm Sunday Closed

Make the **RIGHT** decision this Spring and give Rydale a ring...

**FREEPHONE 0800 917 6060**  
**www.rydalewindows.co.uk**

No deposits or stage payments, you only pay when the installation has been completed



IN MY VIEW  
with Mark Andrews



# Liquidator call brings back dark memories

BRING back The Liquidator is the message coming from the crowds at Molineux, who want to hear the classic reggae tune return to match days.

More than 750 have signed a petition calling for the Harry J Allstars instrumental to be played at the start of home games, after it was dropped in the 1990s when fans began singing obscenities about their rivals to the tune.

It all reminds me of the dark days in the 1980s, when the Bhatti Brothers were in charge. Nobody was calling for The Liquidator then.

IT IS 25 years this week since former British hostage John McCarthy was freed from captivity in Beirut. November will mark the 25th anniversary since Terry Waite was freed.

Waite, one might recall, was the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy who travelled to Beirut in an attempt to persuade terror group Islamic Jihad to free the hostages, including McCarthy, Second World War hero Jackie Mann, and Irish lecturer Brian Keenan.

He went there on trust, believing that as a man of the church, rather than a politician or diplomat, the terrorists would listen to him.

He was wrong. Instead of honouring the trust placed in them, the men of Islamic Jihad concocted a story about the hostages being ill and needing to see him. They then kidnapped him and kept him in solitary confinement for the best part of five years.

Since his release, Waite has worked tirelessly for several charities, and given up his time to help the families of other hostages. He was made a CBE for his efforts.

Meanwhile, in David Cameron's resignation honours list, Will Straw, the son of former home secretary Jack Straw is also recommended to become a CBE.

His only notable contribution to date is organising the failed campaign for Britain to remain in the European Union.

David Cameron's former press secretary Craig Oliver is to be given a knighthood, while a couple of wealthy Tory Party donors are also in line for life peerages.

Is a political spin doctor really to be valued more highly than a man who knowingly put his life on the line in the hope of helping others?

Does spreading scare stories about leaving the EU really equate to a lifetime's selfless charity work?

Surely by now, Terry Waite has done enough to earn a knighthood.

And I can't help but think he would use a seat in the House of Lords to far greater impact than any political placeman.



Tons and tons of recycling waiting to be sorted



Bins left on the pavement waiting to be collected

# Why some bin rules are often rubbishished

Recycling – what is OK to dispose of in one area could be rejected by a neighbouring council, as ROB COX explains

**FROM empty juice cartons to yoghurt pots and plastic bags – many people are unclear about what they can and cannot put in their recycling bins.**

And to make matters worse moving house in Staffordshire or the Black Country can change the rules entirely.

What goes in Dudley might not go in Sandwell and what is wasted in Stafford might be saved in Wolverhampton.

There are some things that are collected and recycled from all homes serviced by our region's local authorities: Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell, South Staffordshire, Stafford, Cannock and Walsall.

These include glass bottles, newspapers, magazines and cardboard.

## Nappies

And there are some items which are not accepted as street collection recycling by any of the councils including nappies and polystyrene. But there are other items where the rules are not universal.

Plastic bags are accepted in recycling bins in Stafford, Cannock, Sandwell, South Staffordshire and Walsall. But try putting them in your recycling bins in Dudley or Wolverhampton and you might find yourself in a spot of bother.

Firstly, if there are notable amounts of plastic bags or other wrong items, your bin may not be collected.

And if the unsuitable items are not spotted, the whole vehicle load of recycling could be contaminated, which could result in it being rejected for recycling and diverted to landfill.

The vast majority of homes in the Black Country and Staffordshire can put out empty food containers – namely juice cartons, mar-



Too much rubbish and bin overfull, with lids open, is frowned upon

garine tubs and yoghurt pots – and have them taken away for recycling from their doorstep.

That is unless you live in Dudley where these items are prohibited from the borough's black boxes, blue bags and green boxes. But they can be taken to recycling banks or placed in a home's general waste bin.

Advice on Dudley Council's website, states: "Plastic items such as yoghurt pots, margarine tubs and meat trays tend to be made of lower grades of plastics that are difficult to recycle, please don't include them in your green bag.

"All of the waste we collect from your grey

bin, including plastic items unsuitable for recycling, is used to generate electricity rather than being sent to landfill.

"We are unable to collect food and drink cartons (such as fruit juice or UHT milk) through the kerbside recycling service.

"These can be taken to a number of recycling banks located across the borough, or disposed of in the grey bin."

\* For detailed information on 'what goes where' in your bins visit your local authority's website.



**SUMMER SALE**

**UP TO 20% OFF**

- Old Buildings Removed
- Asbestos Disposal
- Base Laying Service
- Free Quotations

**CONCRETE GARAGE ROOF REPLACEMENT SERVICE**

**Wooden Sheds**

**HUGE RANGE**

FULL TONGUE & GROOVE

Prices from	Delivery Only	Delivered & Fitted
6ft x 4ft	£239	£274
7ft x 5ft	£269	£309
8ft x 6ft	£299	£344

**Concrete Garages**

**FREE FITTING**

Prices from	
Single Garage 16ft x 8ft	£1599
Double Garage 16ft x 16ft	£3199

**Summer Houses**

**FREE FITTING**

Prices from	
7ft x 5ft	£599
8ft x 6ft	£725
8ft x 8ft	£789

Without Verandah  
Without Verandah  
Includes Verandah

**Log Cabins & Garden Rooms**

**VIEW ONLINE**

Fitting service available

Wall Log 44mm T&G  
Double Glazed  
Insulated Options



# Short-sighted and unacceptable

I WOULD like to add my comments regarding funding cuts to voluntary organisations across Dudley Borough.

I have worked in the voluntary sector since 1981 and while now retired from employment I volunteer and am a board member of a number of voluntary and charitable organisations. I fully accept changes are needed and some cuts are inevitable.

Voluntary organisations manage their limited resources very well and the additional fundraising and involvement of volunteers vastly increases the value for money

of the services provided. As usual in Dudley there appears to be little co-ordination and services are being taken away before something else is put in place.

The impact of this uncoordinated approach to funding cuts will fall immediately, as always, on the vulnerable including frail and lonely older people, those with sight loss and debilitating long term conditions and their carers. In my opinion this impact is inevitable, short-sighted and unacceptable.

**S HUBAND**  
Kinner

# Still football dominates

NOW the Tour de France has finished, can I ask all of those people who deride cycling as a sport to get a video, particularly of the last two mountain stages, and watch what it is all about?

The number of riders who crashed, but got back onto their bikes and finished the stages – injured and bloodied, with torn clothing, yet finished the race. And footballers dominate our sports pages? And what about the thousands who stood for hours waiting for the race to pass for their love of cycling?

Former top racing cyclist Eddy Merckx, was once challenged by Feyenoord players to prove which sport was the hardest. Eddy worked with them for a week, but they could only last a few days with him. Ask Geoff Thomas what he thinks of the comparison.

**P COLE**  
Kingswinford

# We owe the fallen to hold parade

IN response to your headline about police not able to supervise/manage traffic for these remembrance day parades in Dudley. I understand their need to prioritise resources, but these parades deserve it.

I was glad to hear that off-duty police/PCSOs, etc are being asked to volunteer to cover these events, but the parade and remembrance service in Dudley town is well attended every year, and gets stronger, especially in these troubled times.

The figure of £1,500 quoted to have it supervised professionally is not that much, there must be funds somewhere to cover it, or a donation from business people. If I had my way, all traffic (except emergency vehicles) would be stopped during the two minutes' silence, as it used to years ago. Our war memorial service in town is sometimes blighted by traffic noise.

We all owe the fallen. It's not all about money or time lost.

Respect,  
**P WINCHURCH**  
Dudley

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**POST**  
Dudley Chronicle,  
Chronicle Editorial,  
51-53 Queen Street  
Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES

**EMAIL**  
dudley.chron@  
expressandstar.co.uk

Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

# Labour could face years of oblivion

IN 1980, in response to an election defeat, Michael Foot was made leader of the Labour Party. He was an honourable man, intelligent and sincere in his beliefs. However, his strongly held left-wing politics and criticisms of weak leadership made him an unpopular leader and in 1983, Labour suffered a catastrophic election defeat.

He was replaced by Neil Kinnock who spent a decade fighting a civil war against a left wing group within the party.

The result was two further election defeats. Eventually Labour managed to move itself more towards the centre political ground under John Smith and then Tony Blair. Their election

# Centres bring pleasure to old

I SEE that Dudley Council has withdrawn its funding for Age UK activities in the Dudley area.

As a volunteer who goes to one of these centres I see the pleasure they bring to older people. The majority of these live on their own. Most of these centres provide a lifeline were they can meet their friends, play bingo, take part in activities.

We are not looking after our ageing population. The faceless highly-paid pen pushing bureaucrats should get from behind their desks and visit these centres.

**J CONNORS**  
Sedgley

# THE STD

# MASSIVE CLEARANCE SALE

**Brintons Axminster..... £16.95 sq. yd.**

**Sensations heathers ..... £12.95 sq. yd.**

**Wiltons Heavy Domestic ..... £9.95 sq. yd.**

**Majestic Saxony Stainfree ..... £9.95 sq. yd.**

**Apollo + ..... £6.95 sq. yd**

**Vinyls ..... £7.95 sq. yd.**

**Care Free Felt Back ..... £3.95 sq. yd.**

Plus many more great offers instore

**FACTORY CLEARANCE OF OVER 200 PART ROLLS WITH SAVINGS OF UP TO 75%**

STD are the largest stockists of carpets in the Midlands with the best selection, the best fitters, and are NEVER undercut on price

**10% off** All end rolls with this voucher (\*First week of sale only)

Open 6 days a week 9.00 to 5.30  
Sunday 10.30 to 4.00  
Closed Wednesdays

**Church Street, Brierley Hill**  
**01384 76448**

# 40% OFF

Doors and Drawers  
Before 31st August 2016

# 10% OFF

All New Kitchens,  
Bedrooms, Bathrooms  
OFFERS CANNOT BE COMBINED

# Quality Kitchen Makeovers Ltd

# UNBEATABLE QUALITY AND VALUE FROM THE BESPOKE SPECIALISTS

## Don't Settle for Less

- Kitchens ● Bedrooms
- Bathrooms ● Extensions
- Loft Conversions
- Home Offices

From a door or worktop replacement to an extension

## What our customers say...

"Wonderful kitchen, I have already recommended you and would not hesitate to recommend QKM to anyone."

"Can't believe the transformation from start to finish, totally professional."

**Appliances: Neff, Bosch, Rangemaster, Belling, Hotpoint, Stoves and many more**

**Franke Sinks 50 Year Guarantee**

## HOMEOWNERS...

**Looking to Sell?**  
Enhance the prospects of selling your property - stunning results for a minimum outlay

**Just Moved In?**  
Let us help to transform your property into a dream home

**Decided to Stay?**  
Fall in love again with your home - Revamp your kitchen, bedroom or bathroom and allow us to show your home's true potential

**Bring us your dream pictures and we will bring them to life**

## The Largest Working Kitchen in the Midlands at our Netherton Showroom

**At QKM**  
We are dedicated to offering our customers the finest service within the home improvement market

**THE GUILD OF MASTER CRAFTSMEN**  
Membership No A120074

"We have customers who would be more than happy to show you the excellent standard of work"

**All types of Flooring supplied and Wet Wall Solutions for Bathrooms**

Range of Kitchens, Bedrooms and Bathrooms to suit all budgets

**Did you know 80% of our customers are retired?**  
60% plus of all our appointments are referrals or existing customers requiring further work.

Find out why we are trusted for yourself

**BOOK YOUR NO OBLIGATION QUOTE TODAY ON 01384 232413**

**Head Office & Showroom**  
149 Cinder Bank, Netherton, Dudley, DY2 9BL  
**01384 232413**  
Open Mon - Fri 9am - 5.30pm,  
Thursdays 9am - 7pm  
Saturdays 10am - 4pm

**Stourport Showroom**  
33 High Street, Stourport-on-Seven DY13 8BE  
**01299 877718**  
Open Tue, Wed & Sat 10.00am - 5.30pm  
Thursday 10.00am - 7.00pm  
Stourport closed Monday & Friday

Customer satisfaction guaranteed.  
**WE WILL NOT LET YOU DOWN**

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

**www.qualitykitchenmakeoversltd.co.uk**

**FIVE MINUTES FROM MERRY HILL**



A family run business with majority of work coming from recommendations

“WE OFFER QUALITY UPVC WINDOWS AND DOORS AT QUALITY PRICES”



### Why pay more?

Deal direct with the owners, no salesmen, and see the difference

**Doors from £450**

**Composite Doors from £630**

**Conservatories from £4500**



**WE WILL BEAT ANY QUOTE**

Specialists in Door, Window, Porch and Conservatory Installations

Composite Doors from £630

Wide choice of colours available

Misty units replaced

**WE OFFER GREAT DEALS ON ALL UPVC PRODUCTS**

Quality products at quality prices

**10 YEAR GUARANTEE**

Faulty door locks and window hinges replaced

# Hawthorn Windows

Unit 1, Shenstone Trading Estate, Bromsgrove Road, Halesowen, West Midlands B63 3XB

**Tel: 0121 559 6320**

[www.hawthorn-windows.co.uk](http://www.hawthorn-windows.co.uk)



# Headstone honour for hero of Rorke's Drift

HE fought against Zulu warriors in a bloody conflict later made famous in a film starring Michael Caine and Stanley Baker.

But despite his heroics at the Battle of Rorke's Drift in South Africa, Private Joseph Bromwich's service received little attention.

At his burial site at Bilston Cemetery there was no marked grave - little recognition of a soldier fighting 6,000 miles from home aged just 22.

He received the South African Medal for his service. Now, thanks to the seller and buyer, he will be honoured with a new gravestone. Stourbridge auctioneer Fieldings, which sold the medal for £49,000, has also contributed to the cost.

## Brave

The gravestone reads: "A brave soldier at The Defence of Rorke's Drift, Natal, South Africa."

Pte Bromwich was born in Warwick in 1856, enlisting into the army aged 18 in 1877. He joined B Company of the Second Battalion 24th Foot, Second Warwickshire, in the same year.

He was present at the Defence of the Rorke's Drift Mission Station on January 22 and 23, 1879, with his name appearing on the roll completed by Lieutenant John Rouse Merriott Chard VC of the Royal Engineers.

The battle left 400 dead, 17 of them British, inspired the 1964 blockbuster movie Zulu.

Pte Bromwich was discharged from the Army in 1882. He settled with Bilston-born wife Betsy, in Aston, opening a boot and shoe repairing shop before moving to the Black Country. He died in 1916, aged 60, from hepatitis.

Nicholas Davies, director of Fieldings Auctioneers, said: "After the sale of the medal the vendor, buyer and auctioneers all decided that the valiant actions of Pte Joseph Bromwich should not be forgotten so together they raised the funds to provide a headstone for the soldier's unmarked grave 100 years after his death."



The new marked headstone



Michael Caine in the movie Zulu



Fieldings auctioneers director Nicholas Davies with the medal

The seller was from Kingswinford, while the buyer is from the Midlands

and has an interest in Zulu history. Both have asked to remain anonymous.

An official revealing of the headstone will take place on August 14. It will be dedicated by The Royal Legion Chaplain in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Wolverhampton, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Warwick, along with regimental organisations.

## For all **YOUR** Mobility needs!

### Scooters



from **£250\***

\*new & reconditioned models

### Wheelchairs



from **£132**

### Stairlifts



from just over **£10** per week

### Walkers



from **£49.99**

### Bathlifts



from **£249**

### Recliners



from just over **£10** per week

### Adjustable Beds



from **£499**

Walking sticks from £4.99

from **£23.95**

Full range of incontinence wear too

## WOULD YOU LIKE...

- Expert advice you can trust
- FREE** home demonstrations
- Easy payment terms
- Fast response engineers on call
- Superb aftercare
- Local service you can trust
- FREE** hearing checks

**Motability** Approved Dealer

**VISIT US TODAY!**

Sterling Park, Pedmore Rd, Brierley Hill, West Mids, DY5 1TB (Near Merry Hill Centre. FREE parking.)  
**01384 473 719**

9B Cleveland Street, Wulfrun Centre, Wolverhampton, WV1 3HH (Near the library.)  
**01902 711 881**

Hearing & Mobility

Stores open 9am-5pm Mon-Saturday  
[www.hearingandmobility.com](http://www.hearingandmobility.com)

## Star Reader Travel

Hand picked holidays with you in mind

Quote: JGRT

Your Chronicle in association with **Just go! HOLIDAYS**

FOLKESTONE & FRENCH SHOPPING	ILFRACOMBE & EXMOOR	DELIGHTFUL DEVON WEEKEND
Mon 12 to Fri 16 Sep	Mon 3 to Fri 7 Oct	Fri 30 Sep to Mon 3 Oct
<b>Your break includes</b>	<b>Your break includes</b>	<b>Your break includes</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 4 nights dinner, bed &amp; breakfast at the Grand Burstin Hotel, Folkestone</li> <li>✓ Entertainment all nights</li> <li>✓ Excursions to Adinkerk, Dunkirk &amp; Rye</li> <li>✓ Optional excursion to Canterbury (£5.99pp)</li> <li>✓ Return coach travel from Stourbridge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 4 nights dinner, bed &amp; breakfast at the Devon Bay Hotel, Ilfracombe</li> <li>✓ Entertainment on some nights</li> <li>✓ Excursions to Scenic Exmoor, Barnstaple Pannier Market &amp; Woolacombe</li> <li>✓ Optional excursion to Great Torrington &amp; Bude (£6.99pp)</li> <li>✓ Return coach travel from Halesowen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 3 nights dinner, bed &amp; breakfast at the Ashton Court Hotel, Exmouth</li> <li>✓ Entertainment on one night</li> <li>✓ Excursion to Exeter</li> <li>✓ Optional excursion to Sidmouth (£5.99pp)</li> <li>✓ Return coach travel from Dudley &amp; Stourbridge</li> </ul>
<b>5 Day Break only £179.99</b>	<b>5 Day Break only £179.99</b>	<b>4 Day Break only £139.99</b>
<b>SUPERVALUE</b>	<b>SUPERVALUE</b>	<b>SUPERVALUE</b>
08432 244 217 <a href="http://justgoholidays.com/RT">justgoholidays.com/RT</a>	justgohols <a href="http://@justgoholidays">@justgoholidays</a>	Calls to 08 numbers will cost 7 pence per minute plus your phone company's access charge. Calls from mobiles may vary. Single supplements and terms apply



## Bodycatcher ale a knockout brew



**Darren McDermott, tight, enjoys the tipples with Sadler's Brewery ambassador Ian Bradshaw**

ONE particular ale packed a punch at the Dudley Beer Festival as it was named after one of the town's former boxing champions.

Sadler's Brewery in Lye has dubbed its latest ale 'the Black Country Bodycatcher', the nickname of retired fighter Darren McDermott. 'Macca' was on hand himself to taste the concoction with its creators during the week-end-long event at Brierley Hill Civic Hall.

The 38-year-old is still involved in the sport as a coach and has his own club, Brooklands, who are soon to relocate to Mount Tabor Church in Woodsetton.

The gym will benefit from sales of the tipples, which has a strength of 4.3 per cent, with the profits generated being donated to Brooklands.

McDermott hung up his gloves in almost tragic circumstances four years ago, when he underwent brain surgery after sustaining a blow to the head in sparring.

The former Midlands and English middleweight champion was forced to call time on a career that also saw him challenge for the British and Commonwealth titles.

# Attacker sentenced to 29 years in prison

**A MAN who pushed his ex-partner out of a third floor window and tried to stab two police officers has been jailed for 29 years.**

After Marlon Bills shoved Lisa Turner through the window, she clung on to the ledge, but he peeled back her fingers, sending her plunging to the ground.

She managed to flee despite sustaining a broken back and

ankle, Birmingham Crown Court heard. Bills, a father of five, who was 'in a state of rage', then tried to attack two officers who had kicked down his bedroom door after being sent to arrest him on December 10.

Bills, aged 44, of Himley Road, Dudley, was described as 'arrogant, vindictive and calculating' by Judge Patrick Thomas QC. He was found guilty of causing grievous bodily harm with intent and two charges of attempted wounding with intent after a trial in June.

Jurors found him not guilty of attempted murder. He had pleaded guilty to breaching a restraining order.

The judge handed Bills a 29-year extended term for causing GBH with intent. For each of the two counts of attempted wounding with intent he was given



**Marlon Bills**

eight years, with 12 months in prison for the breach of a restraining order, to run concurrently.

He also ordered him to pay Miss Turner £10,000 of compensation within six months.

Mr Christopher Whitehouse, defending, said alcohol 'appears to be a very substantial factor - if not the factor - in Bills' offending'.

## Hagley Kitchens

Beautiful Kitchens & Bathrooms, Designed with Imagination and Skillfully Fitted with Care



## "A beautiful new kitchen..."

We are so pleased we chose Hagley Kitchens - for Graham and his team nothing was too much trouble... Thank you" **Tony & Beryl Rhead - Halesowen**

"Like magic everything was in place... tiling, electrics, and beautiful appliances... a fantastically designed kitchen. Graham made everything simple" **Audrey Basterfield, Hasbury**

"They gave us our perfect kitchen, a great local company." **Sandra Donnelly, Kingswinford**

"The kitchen of our Dreams, we made so many changes but all was completed with so little fuss... I love showing off my new kitchen to everyone!!" **Norah & Chris Painter, Pedmore**

"A major project completed on time without any problems at all" **Gill McKenzie, Codsall**

**Guaranteed unbeatable on price**

See some of our range of beautiful Modern and Traditional kitchens at: [www.HagleyKitchens.co.uk](http://www.HagleyKitchens.co.uk)

**INSTALLATION • TILING • GAS • ELECTRIC • PLUMBING • BUILDING**



Call Graham Edmonds for your 'FREE' no obligation new Hagley Kitchen's design

**07776 207596**  
or 0121 602 3031

# HASBURY WINDOWS Ltd.

QUALITY | VALUE | SERVICE

**INLITEN FRONT DOOR in WHITE**

From Only

**£550**

...Including fitting!

**INLITEN BACK DOOR in WHITE**

From Only

**£490**

...Including fitting!

**6 FLAT WINDOWS & 2 DOORS**

From Only

**£2999**

...Including fitting AND VAT!



**"We will Beat ANY Genuine Written Quote"**

## SUMMER OFFERS!

**It's the Best Time of Year to Fit New Windows!**

- Your local well established business offering top quality products and service
- No payment until completion
- Call us now for a great deal on your new windows and doors
- Visit our showroom
- Deal direct with the owner

**Sealed Units Replacement available**

It **HAS** to be **HASBURY**



**HASBURY WINDOWS Ltd.**

QUALITY | VALUE | SERVICE

9 Halesowen Road, Halesowen, West Midlands B62 9AA

Telephone: **0121 421 7001** | **0121 421 2104**

**TRADE ENQUIRES WELCOME**

**SHOWROOM OPEN:** Mon-Fri 8.00am - 5.00pm | Sat - 10.00am - 1.00pm  
**PHONELINES OPEN:** 9.00am - 9.00pm

**FENSA**  
Registered 30179

Highest Quality Products supplied by  
**CAMDEN**





WHERE TRADITIONAL ELEGANCE  
MEETS MODERN TECHNOLOGY



**KEEPING YOUR HOME AUTHENTIC, SAFE AND ENERGY EFFICIENT THIS SUMMER  
BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED WINDOWS, DOORS, CONSERVATORIES & ORANGERIES**

We are a professional, family run, local company who have over 34 years year-on-year trading installing quality windows, doors, conservatories and orangeries. We pride ourselves on our high quality standards and that we can offer all our customers total satisfaction on whatever you need.

**Wombourne Windows™**  
ORANGERIES AND CONSERVATORIES

For more information call us now on

**0845 603 0334**

or visit our website at **[www.wombourne-windows.co.uk](http://www.wombourne-windows.co.uk)**



Morlock House, Bridgnorth Road, Wombourne, South Staffs WV5 0AL  
Opening Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-6pm, Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-2pm





# Pokémon no! Mobile game frenzy closes road

A ROAD in Dudley town centre has been blocked off to try to halt chaos caused by Pokémon Go players.

Dudley Council has been inundated with complaints from people living near Priory Park who claim that hordes of gamers have been causing a nuisance in and around the 12th century priory ruins.

Bosses have now gone to extraordinary lengths to try to disrupt the craze around the park.

They say they have been forced to take action because of the complaints about parking and noise problems.

Players of the game, which has taken the nation by storm, have been flocking to the priory ruins to try to catch the virtual world Pokémon creatures on their mobile phones.

The area is a designated PokéStop, offering players various incentives in the game which superimposes the creatures onto real locations.

Gamers have been accused of parking on double yellow lines, playing music late at night and causing damage to the ruins in their search for the Pokémon.

Bollards and cones have now been placed across Paganel Drive and Gervase Drive as the council seeks to combat the problem.

Environment boss Councillor Hilary Bills said: "Following complaints from local residents about parking, late night noise and concerns about blocking of access for emergency services vehicles, we listened to their concerns and put temporary road blocks in place to reduce these issues.

"These arrangements are subject to an ongoing review."



Paganel Drive, near Priory Park, has been closed to vehicles because of the Pokémon Go craze that has seen the park busy with gamers

# Care home shuts after report

A SEDGLEY care home was slammed by health watchdogs in a damning inspection report which raised the issues of poor food, staff shortages and risk of infection.

The Rose Villa Nursing Home, in Tip-ton Road, was rated 'inadequate' in the report by the Care Quality Commission. Following the inspection, the home's bosses closed the premises.

In the report, inspectors claimed residents 'were not adequately protected from the risk of infection' and they 'did not receive a choice of meals and the quality of food provided was poor and not nutritious.'

Only one area of the nursing home's service was not rated inadequate and inspectors said care at the home 'required improvement'.

The inspection at the Rose Villa, which could cater for up to 27 elderly people or people with physical disabilities, was on October 6.

An earlier inspection, carried out on April 21, found that the nursing home had failed to make the necessary improvements.

The report stated: "We carried out a further focussed inspection of the service to check that the provider had made and sustained the improvements they had told us they would make. At this inspection, we found that the provider had failed to make the improvements they told us about. We also identified some other concerns which we raised with the provider on the day."

During the first inspection, 11 people were living at the home.

Inspectors found the environment appeared clean and a domestic cleaner was on site six days a week, working from 9am to 2pm. But one staff member told inspectors: "There is too much work for the domestic, he does his best, if we have a couple of minutes we will do some cleaning."

Staff had not received infection control training, inspectors noted.

# Crime chief in pledge to resolve parade row

THE West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner is working with councils across the Black Country to ensure roads can be closed free of charge for Remembrance Day parades this year.

Parades across the the region were put in jeopardy last week after it was revealed a change in West Midlands Police policy means closing roads for the parades to honour fallen soldiers is now the responsibility of organisers – who face costly bills for professional traffic management contractors.

Letters seen by The Chronicle's sister publication the Express & Star state a decision has been made by the Chief Constable of West Midlands Police to introduce a change of policy by which the authority will no longer provide officers to carry out traffic management duties and enforce road closures for the parade.

By Jordan Harris

"West Midlands Police has already committed the same number of police officers to work the parades as previous years – and many more officers will volunteer their free time on the day.

"David Jamieson will not let red tape and bureaucracy stop us honouring our fallen soldiers," she said.

The battle to ensure Remembrance Day parades go ahead this year has also been taken up by Walsall North MP David Winnick, who last week wrote a letter to Prime Minister Theresa May asking for the situation to be 'sorted out as quickly as possible'.

West Midlands Police has said it is 'absolutely committed' to supporting the parades again this year, with members of staff volunteering their time.

Their commitment will see neighbourhood policing units deciding locally what police presence is appropriate at each event, to ensure the safety of everyone involved, said police.

## Agenda

A meeting was held last week between West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner David Jamieson, the Chief Constable of West Midlands Police Dave Thompson and Deputy Chief Constable Louisa Rolfe.

Top of the agenda was a discussion over plans for this year's Remembrance Day parades.

Following the meeting, spokesman for the West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner Liz Joyce said: "We are working closely with councils on a common sense solution that sees roads closed free of charge and the parades go ahead as normal."

# Fizzogs link with fellow comic Cole

BLACK Country funny man Jonny Cole is linking up with comedy group The Fizzogs when they make their return to the Edinburgh Fringe.

Cole will perform some of his comedy songs and compare the show when the Fizzogs perform their May Contain Nuts show at the Space venue from August 15 to 20.

Fizzog Sue Hawkins said: "We worked together on the Black Country Night Out and both have shows on Black Country Radio and admire one another's work."

The Fizzogs made their Edinburgh debut last year when they received rave media reviews and widespread acclaim from audiences.



## BATHROOM & PLUMBING STORES

### AMAZING OPENING OFFERS

# 50% OFF EVERYTHING



**OPENING HOURS:**  
Monday - Saturday  
8am - 5pm  
Sunday Closed

**DRAINAGE**  
**PLUMBING**  
**TILES**  
**BATHROOMS**  
**KITCHENS**  
**SEALANTS / ADHESIVES**

**Units 11/12 Mount Pleasant, Brierley Hill DY5 2YS**  
**TELEPHONE: 01384 74949**



## NEW PLUMBERS MERCHANT



## NOW OPEN



## Switch to save cash in energy campaign

DUDLEY borough residents are being encouraged to think ahead and get saving on their energy bills with autumn looming. Dudley Council is urging people to sign up to its latest Big Switch campaign.

During the last campaign, in May, the average saving was more than £300 per household. The Big Switch brings people together to reduce their energy bills by moving energy suppliers collectively. The more who register, the better the deal offered by the energy companies. The deals offered are not available through ordinary switching sites.

More than 6,000 people across Dudley have registered to switch. People can register online or by phone to take advantage of cut-price rates offered by energy companies. The Big Switch auction opened again on August 2 and closes for registration on October 10.

The scheme is open to all householders, including those in rented accommodation and those with a fuel debt of £500 or less.

Visit [www.dudley.gov.uk/bigswitch](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/bigswitch) or call Dudley Council Plus on 0300 555 2345.



Louise McCathie, Michelle McLoughlin and Sally-Ann Wilkinson look forward to The Big Sleuth next year

## Bear-mingham planning sequel to The Big Hoot

MORE than 100 giant bear sculptures will be leaving their paw prints all over Bear-mingham next summer as the sequel to last year's Big Hoot arrives in the city.

While Owl sculptures brightened up Birmingham last time, now Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity and creative producers Wild in Art have announced a second trail for 2017.

But this time the characters will be 'sun bears'.

The sun bear, also known as the honey bear, has been chosen as it is the smallest of the world's eight bear species - making it the perfect choice to raise vital funds when the bears go to auction.

The Big Sleuth will see the individually designed, 165cm-tall sculptures appearing throughout the city.

Michelle McLoughlin, chief nursing officer at Birmingham Children's Hospital, said: "The Big Sleuth is really important to Birmingham Children's Hospital as not only will it inspire civic pride and give families a free and fun day out but we also hope to raise over half a million pounds to support the pioneering work we do here each day."

"We are at the beginning of another really exciting journey, one which we hope will bring lots of sleuthing, joy and laughter."

"We would encourage our corporate friends to help us make it bigger and better than The Big Hoot."

The sculptures will be funded by corporates from across the Midlands and will be brought to life by regional and national artists to create the visually stunning trail of art.

Visit [www.thebigsleuth2017.co.uk](http://www.thebigsleuth2017.co.uk) for further details.

# Meet Monish & Beyonce

**Monish is the practice principle + head vet at both Companion Care Vets Oldbury + Vets4Pets Merryhill.**

**We offer our clients a reliable professional service delivered by our committed team, we strongly believe that prevention is better than cure so get in touch today to discuss our packages & help keep your pets healthy & happy.**

**Open 7 Days a Week**  
**No weekend surcharge for routine appointments and emergencies**



### Puppy Package

- Health Check with a Vet
- Full Vaccination Course
- Microchip
- Flea and Worm Prevention (lasts 1 month)
- 4 Weeks Free Insurance
- Information Pack and Vouchers

**£47.50**

### Kitten Package

- Health Check with a Vet
- Full Vaccination Course
- Microchip
- Flea and Worm Prevention (lasts 1 month)
- 4 Weeks Free Insurance
- Information Pack and Vouchers

**£57.50**

### Rabbit Package

- Health Check with a Vet
- Full Vaccination Course
- Worm Prevention (lasts 3-6 months)
- 2 x Nail Clips (must be claimed within 1 year)
- 4 Weeks Free Insurance (if under 1 years old)
- Information Pack

**£50**

**10% OFF**  
**Veterinary Services for:**

- Over 60's
- Armed Forces
- NHS Employees
- 999 Employees

*Proof of employment will be required  
terms and conditions apply*

# Campaign closes in on theatre takeover

**CAMPAIGNERS are close to completing an agreement which would allow them to take over Dudley Hippodrome.**

Black Country Hippodrome wants to renovate the famous venue and re-open it as a theatre. The group said the deal with Dudley Council was being finalised and they expected it to be given the keys before the end of this month.

The campaign group will be handed a five-year lease to allow the group to refurbish the derelict former theatre on Castle Hill after their last-ditch rescue bid saved the iconic venue from the bulldozers.

The building is in need of a complete overhaul having been closed for seven years when it was last used as a bingo hall. It has not been a theatre since 1960s.

Asbestos needs to be removed and repair work is needed to bring it up to scratch to host plays, shows and community events.

Black Country Hippodrome board member Steve Daniels said: "We hope it will all be completed by the end of August and we can get the keys - it could be the next two weeks. Then we can start to move on."

### Constraints

"It is one of those things, it does drag on a bit. All we can do is take it day by day. But the council has been great."

The group has said that, due to funding constraints, it was likely to be at least four years before the doors

**By Richard Guttridge**

to the Hippodrome were thrown open again.

Mr Daniels said a full feasibility study of the building would have to be carried out before any work could begin. He said: "Once we have got the keys we can start to progress."

"The first thing we have got to do is have a proper survey on it and then take it from there."

The group has said it needs around £5 million to restore the Hippodrome to its former glory and has various plans to bring in funds.

One plan is to allow people and companies to sponsor seats at the revived venue.

The famous old building was just two weeks away from demolition when the agreement was struck.

Dudley Council's plans to knock the Hippodrome down and replace it with an open space remain in the background, ready to be brought back out should the group fail to refurbish the building.

## Coastguard calls off search for teenagers

A SEARCH for two missing teens last spotted in the sea off the Welsh coast has been called off, according to the Coastguard.

The teenagers, from Birmingham, had been in the water off Barmouth beach when they got into difficulty over the weekend. The coastguard launched a search and rescue operation after the alarm was raised at around 1.40pm on Sunday. The two had been part of a large group visiting the West Wales beauty spot.

A search continued into its third day on Tuesday but rescuers were unable to find the two 15-year-olds. Coastguard officials said crews had faced strong winds and choppy waters during the search.

A spokesman for the Maritime and Coastguard Agency said: "An extensive search for two teenagers last seen at Barmouth has been terminated, pending further information."

**Vets4Pets** inside **pets**  
Putting your pet first

**Vets4Pets Merry Hill**  
Inside Pets at Home

**Companion Carevets** inside **pets**

**Companion Care Oldbury**  
Inside Pets at Home

Call us on **01384 480 698** or visit: [vets4pets.com/merry-hill](http://vets4pets.com/merry-hill)



Also find us on Facebook

Call us on **0121 270 2282** or visit: [ccvets.co.uk/oldbury](http://ccvets.co.uk/oldbury)







# 14 Roman towards future purpose as landmark is sold

Halesowen Chronicle Thursday, August 11, 2016

A VANDAL-STRICKEN landmark in Tipton has been put up for sale for more than half a million pounds. The Roman Mosaic site, situated on Bloomfield Road, has been targeted by arsonists in recent years. It has now been put on the market for around £575,000 by Dudley-based chartered surveyors Sellers.

The factory, which is recognised by its notable chimney also has an unique tile mosaic of a Black Country canal scene on the corner of the premises.

Councillor Ian Jones, who represents the Tipton Green ward, said he would welcome a new development. There have been calls for the distinctive mosaic, which is just under 20 years old, to be kept intact.

Councillor Jones said: "We would like to see a worthwhile end to this now – whether it be if a similar factory took over the site or a new housing development. It has been left derelict for some years now. It is in a prime location so we are all really pleased that something will be done with it now."

Sellers says the site has 'a range of industrial buildings which have been subject to vandalism/arson damage'.

Roman Mosaic moved to the Bloomfield Road site in the mid 1980s. They had been based in Burnt Tree island, Dudley, previously. In 1997 former West Bromwich MP and House of Commons speaker, Baroness Betty Boothroyd, unveiled the canal mosaic artwork tile along with the factory bosses.

Keith Hodgkins, chair of Tipton Civic Society, said: "To see something done with the site would be good. All we would ask is that the mosaic scene is kept intact."



Ghosthunters Jenny Okey from Halesowen and Chris Stone of Sedgley with, centre, landlord Ben Triance

# Gripping tale as pub spirits trouble landlord

PARANORMAL investigators descended on a country pub in Shropshire to find out what was making things go bump in the night.

A medium belonging to the Energies and Entities team claimed to make contact with a spirit from the First World War during a night of exploration at the Boycott Arms near Claverley.

Despite unsuccessful attempts to contact the spirit of a former landlord said to have been haunting the pub for many years, other ghosts apparently made contact.

Ben Triance, manager of the pub for the last 15 months and a self-confessed sceptic, said: "They put a medium under a trance and they were talking to a man from the First World War."

There was also some human pendulum work done, that was quite strange seeing everybody moving in sync with their eyes closed.

"It was really quite spooky some of it. There was some weird and wonderful stuff. The lights flickered every time they asked to talk to the spirits and once the candles just blew out."

About 75 people turned out for the paranormal evening last Saturday.

Mr Triance said they have information dating back 200 years. There has also been tales of a female ghost called Scotch Mary who also used to be a landlady and is not a friendly ghost like the former landlord.

Mr Triance said he had a visit from Scotch Mary's daughter recently.

He explained: "A couple of weeks ago Scotch Mary's daughter came in the pub, Ann Clarke, apparently Scotch Mary had claimed to be a psychic, and she was a lovely woman."

"She said the only reason she would be playing up is if she didn't approve of how the pub was being run, as she'd been here for 30 years."

Mr Triance said he has always been sceptical but had experienced some unexplainable things.

He said: "One night last summer I went to bed, then woke up about 20 minutes later absolutely freezing cold."

"I could even see my breath – then I woke up again an hour later and my throat was swollen."

"I went to the shower room and there were finger marks around my throat. I was the only person staying here that night."

PUBLIC NOTICE



SALE NOW ON  
SAVE UP TO 75%

3 seater Sofa with 2 Recliner Actions  
£395

Solid Oak Dining Table & Chairs to clear  
from £595  
(available in light and dark oak)

- SOFAS AND CHAIRS  
MADE TO ORDER - ANY SIZE
- FREE HOME DELIVERY  
FREE REMOVAL OF YOUR OLD BED
- LARGE SELECTION OF FABRIC  
AND LEATHER SUITES

2 & 3 SEATERS TO CLEAR FROM AN AMAZING £295  
[Various Colours and Designs]

SUITES • BEDS • MATTRESSES • SOFAS  
All reduced to a fraction of their normal price

UP TO £1,000 PART EXCHANGE  
FOR YOUR OLD SUITE

Special offers for senior citizens  
If you can't come to us  
we will come to you

Odd Bases & Mattresses  
To Clear  
from £69

LUXURY 4 DRAWER DIVAN  
WAS £995 NOW £295

Dreamworld furniture  
8 Stallings Lane, Kingswinford DY6 7HU  
Tel: 01384 295660  
LARGE FREE CAR PARK

Made to Measure  
Recliners and Riser  
Recliners Available  
Your chair, designed to fit you  
Matching sofas available  
1000 fabrics, 100 leathers to choose from

# Paradise project to move onto next phase

THE £500 million Paradise development in Birmingham is taking another huge step forward as work begins on the foundations of the first two landmark Grade A office buildings, One and Two Chamberlain Square.

Approximately 200 piles, between 90cm and 120cm in diameter, will be drilled up to 20 metres into the ground. These will support the weight of the new buildings which, when fully constructed, will form the first phase of the Paradise development.

Initially, the piles will be focused on the core area of One Chamberlain Square. A rig weighing around 100 tonnes will be used to carry out the work, which will continue until early 2017.

Professional services giant PricewaterhouseCoopers has agreed to take the top four-and-a-half floors of One Chamberlain Square, which is expected to complete in autumn 2018.

Wolverhampton-based Carillion, contractors for the demolition, infrastructure and enabling works, will oversee the piling work, which will be undertaken by Cementation.

Carillion was recently announced as the contractor for One Chamberlain Square, which is expected to complete in autumn 2018.

By John Corser

TAPAS AND WINE BAR

3 Courses  
£18.95pp

157 Hagley Road, Oldswinford, Stourbridge DY8 2JJ  
01384 396290  
www.theretreatatoldswinford.co.uk

Maple Leaf Fencing & Landscaping

DECKING, SLABBING, FENCING, WALLS, TURFING, PERGOLAS

All size gates made to measure.

For every aspect of your gardening needs, give me a ring any time 7 days a week for FREE estimates and great ideas.

Over 35 years' experience

Call Graeme on 07739 580558  
www.maple-leaflandscaping.co.uk

Open: Mon-Sat 10am - 5pm | Sun 10.30am - 4.30pm



## Attack dogs to be destroyed

THE grandson of an 82-year-old woman who was savaged by a pair of dogs in Tipton has spoken of his gran's 'relief' that the animals have been taken off the streets.

The two Rottweilers attacked Margaret Langford just yards from her home in Ivy Road. They will be destroyed following a ruling by magistrates.

The grandmother spent five days in hospital after the terrifying attack in May.

Grandson Jack Langford said he is hopeful she will now be able to put the ordeal behind her.

He said: "We are pleased these dangerous dogs have now been taken off the streets and can't cause further injury to anyone else. That was the exactly decision we were hoping for. It's a tough call - after all those dogs are somebody's family pets - but ultimately it's the right one.

"Gran is very relieved. Since the attack happened she hasn't been the same. Hopefully this will bring her some reassurance."

## Plea to help pay bill for abandoned cat



Unwell moggie Millie was left with a note asking for help A PLEA is being made for anyone who can help an abandoned cat in need of surgery to step forward.

This three-year-old tabby cat was left outside of Wednesbury Sanctuary with just a note left around her neck saying 'please look after me, my name is Millie.'

Since then, sanctuary owner Joyce Clarke has taken her to the vets to discover she in need of surgery to remove a tumour from her foot - with a vets bill estimated around £300.

She is currently in an isolated pen at the sanctuary.

Peter Hull, sanctuary worker for more than 30 years, said: "It seems her owners could not afford the vets bills. Her tumour is benign, so not life threatening, but still needs to be removed."

Anyone who would like to help Millie can call Mrs Clarke on 0121 502 5027.

## Theatre skills for teenagers at centre

HALESOWEN Youth Theatre is offering youngsters a taste of acting, singing and dancing.

For £4 a week, 11 to 18-year-olds can join the theatre sessions at the Greenhill Centre on Long Lane.

The 90 minute-long sessions from 7pm involve workshops based around performance.

Ben Pountney, the co-founder and co-director of Halesowen Youth Theatre said: "I was apart of a youth theatre and the experiences and skills that I encountered has had an invaluable effect on my ability and passion for theatre and performance. I also made so many friends."

For further details email [halesowenyouththeatre@outlook.com](mailto:halesowenyouththeatre@outlook.com) or call 07541520091.

# Young tennis ace serves up gold in Transplant Games

**A SCHOOLBOY who underwent life-saving surgery is aiming to follow in the footsteps of his hero Novak Djokovic, after a championship display at this year's British Transplant Games.**

Kristof Polgar, aged eight, who underwent a liver transplant in 2011, is now dreaming of Centre Court stardom after an impressive gold medal haul during the annual games, held in Liverpool.

The youngster, from Kingswinford, was born with a rare genetic disease

called Progressive Familial Intrahepatic Cholestasis (PFIC).

Following a transplant at Birmingham Children's Hospital when he was just three, the determined youngster has gone from strength to strength and now receives tennis coaching three times per week at Tipton Sports Academy.

### School

The ace performances of the Blanford Mere Primary School pupil at the British Transplant Games saw him win gold medals in the mini tennis, badminton and table tennis events.

Kristof said: "I really enjoy playing

sports, especially tennis. My favourite player is Novak Djokovic and it's my dream to be as good as him one day.

"It was great to be part of the Birmingham Children's Hospital team at the British Transplant Games."

He added: "I'd really like to compete at the world event in the future."

Kristof's efforts, along with the 41 other youngsters aged between three and 17, who represented the children's hospital this year, helped secure the Best Liver Team title and coveted Best Children's Team prize for an amazing 20th year running.



Eight-year-old Kristof Polgar

## Smoke-free bid around hospital

BIRMINGHAM Children's Hospital has encouraged people to have their say on plans to introduce the city's first smoke-free zone around its site.

A consultation has been launched seeking people's views on the proposals that would restrict smoking outside the hospital.

The smoke-free zone would be on both sides of Steelhouse Lane, from the hospital's paediatric emergency department to the junction of Whittall Street, and to St Mary's Row.

Hospital bosses have said they want the thoughts of people who live or work near the proposed zone, businesses as well as patients and families.

People can have a say online at [www.bch.nhs.uk/smokefree-consultation](http://www.bch.nhs.uk/smokefree-consultation) before September 16.

# FLOORS 4 YOU

## The Flooring Specialist

LAMINATE • SOLID WOOD • CARPETS • VINYLs

# NEW HALESOWEN STORE OPENS

Saturday 27th August

FIRST 10 CUSTOMERS RECEIVE FREE FITTING AT HALESOWEN STORE

## OPEN ALL BANK HOLIDAY

### OUR LOCAL STORES

<b>HALESOWEN STORE</b> 93 Dudley Road, Halesowen B63 3NS <b>0121 550 5221</b>	<b>DUDLEY STORE</b> 100 Birmingham Road, Dudley DY1 4RF <b>01384 237000</b>	<b>STOURBRIDGE STORE</b> Camphill, Wordsley DY8 4AD <b>01384 70103</b>
---	---	--

BEST CHOICE

BEST PRICES

BEST SERVICE

[www.floors-4-you.co.uk](http://www.floors-4-you.co.uk)



## Saxons, stars and 3D car to discover

VISITORS to Birmingham Museums can travel back in time or escape to the stars with a range of educational activities this summer.

At Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, the focus is on the Anglo-Saxons and the Staffordshire Hoard where visitors can learn more about the past. Meanwhile, the city's Thinktank planetarium will allow visitors to journey to the stars and learn more about the Cosmos.

Thinktank's new summer exhibit, called Strakka Racing 24 Hour Le Mans car, will allow motor racing fans to get up close and personal with the 3D printed vehicle. Visitors can take a step back in time to the Great Fire of London at Blakesley Hall from August 30 to September 4.

At Soho House, there will be an evening for adults with a Bollywood theme on Saturday. Bollywood dancers, street food and an open-air showing of Slumdog Millionaire will transform the restored Georgian Soho House. The event is suitable for people aged 18 and over. Visit [birminghammuseums.org.uk/whats-on](http://birminghammuseums.org.uk/whats-on) for further details.



Joseph Sheppard has monster fun at the Dudley Castle screening of The Bride of Frankenstein

## Frankenstein movie is a scream in spooky setting

IT WAS an eerie night at Dudley Castle for hundreds who enjoyed a spooktacular evening watching horror classic The Bride of Frankenstein in the historic courtyard.

On Saturday night the venue was transformed into an open-cinema and more than 600 people watched the classic 1935 film directed by Dudley's own Hollywood director James Whale.

They also watched a short horror movie made by Dudley College students.

The feature film was shown on a blow-up screen while images of Frankenstein and other spooky images were projected on to the castle walls to add to the atmosphere.

Dudley Zoo teamed up with Flatpack: Assemble to produce the event as part of Flatpack's Black Country Pop-up Film Tour.

Ian Francis, director at Flatpack said: "We couldn't have found a more fitting venue for Bride of Frankenstein than Dudley Castle. There's a real passion for film across the Black Country and we hope the success of this event will lead to more pop-up screenings in the future."

Matt Lewis, Dudley Zoo Manager, added: "We were happy to work alongside Flatpack: Assemble to bring Bride of Frankenstein to the 11th century Dudley Castle and were delighted with the event's popularity. Hopefully we can join forces again in the future on similar projects."

James Whale, who died in 1957 aged 67, came from Park Hill Street, Buffery Park, and was an actor and stage director before making Hollywood classics Frankenstein and the Invisible Man in the 1930s.

## Summer SALE NOW ON

Upto 25% off handmade pocket sprung products



Fabric bed frames

**Saving 10%**



Mi beds electric bed -Joanna

**Now £499**

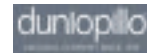


Silentnight beds

**Free storage**

Free to use customer car park at rear of store DY5 1RG

Proud supports of the Mary Stevens Hospice



Opening Times  
Monday - Saturday  
9.00am - 5.30pm  
Sunday  
11.00am-4.30pm

CELEBRATING

**40 YEARS**  
EST1976

# Dreamland

Mill St, Brierley Hill, DY5 2RG

**Tel: 01384 74166**

[www.dreamlandbedding.co.uk](http://www.dreamlandbedding.co.uk)

## Survival of cardiac arrest best in the UK

**NOWHERE** in the country do people suffering a cardiac arrest have a better chance of surviving to get to hospital than in the West Midlands, new figures show.

The figure, for the month of April, was up on February's rate of 29.7 per cent when it was the best performing across the UK. By comparison the Welsh cardiac arrest survival rate was 12.2 per cent.

Last year West Midlands paramedics kept alive 30.3 per cent of patients over the 12 months, also an increase on the previous year.

Staff attempted to resuscitate 4,040 patients that had a pre-hospital cardiac arrest. More than a quarter of these, 1,179, arrived at hospital and were breathing for themselves - also known as ROSC, or return of spontaneous circulation.

### Achievement

Dr Andy Carson, the trust's medical director, said: "This is a tremendous achievement and cannot be underestimated. If we look back just two years, there has been a 40 per cent increase in the number of ROSCs at hospital. To achieve such an improvement has taken a lot of skill and hard work."

"Part of the reason for the rise is staff have been able to use their advanced skills more often due to a rise in the number of mem-

bers of the public prepared to have a go at CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation). And also the increase in the number of public access defibrillators available."

In April it was revealed that up to 300 extra paramedics are being recruited by West Midlands Ambulance Service to boost staffing levels and meet increasing demands.

The service, which has one of the highest ratios of paramedics on the front line in the UK, helps students to learn on the job.

Between 200 and 300 positions are expected to be created. Successful applicants need to complete a 30-month training course.

Currently talks are under way over a possible merger of West Midlands and East Midlands ambulance services, to serve more than 10 million people.

## Firm expansion plan for nearly 200 jobs

NEARLY 200 jobs will be created under ambitious plans to revamp offices in West Bromwich.

Developers Rimstock Plc have said the expansion of the premises in Black Lake will 'contribute significantly' to the local economy.

The West Bromwich-based firm's growth has led bosses to seek a new plant and bigger premises, according to planning documents.

An application for a side and rear extension to the former Express & Star building has been submitted to Sandwell Council.

The company's headquarters is next to the site, in Ridgacre Road.

A design statement submitted as part of the planning package states: "Rimstock's growth has necessitated new plant and machinery, bigger premises and a more efficient production streams to increase output."

"Rimstock is working in partnership with Sandwell Council to create a larger production plant by expanding the existing operations into adjacent land and buildings, extending its existing properties and acquiring neighbouring works and warehouse buildings."

It adds the plans will create 192 jobs at the site.



# Drivetime



 **NEW REG**

 **SPECIAL**

16-PAGE SPECIAL SPOTLIGHTING WHAT YOUR LOCAL  
DEALER HAS ON THE FORECOURT FOR SEPTEMBER  
NEW REGISTRATION



Halesowen Chronicle Thursday, August 11, 2016

# See you soon in Tucson?

Hyundai's Tucson family crossover is an attractive contender that might well catapult the Korean brand into credible contention for class honours in this important growing segment.

All bases are covered when it comes to engines with a good selection of both petrols and diesels. At the lower end of the range, there's a choice of a 132PS 1.6 GDi petrol or a 116PS CRDi 1.7 diesel. Move a little higher and you can upgrade to a turbocharged 1.6 GDi with 177PS.

Diesel fans will find a 2.0 CRDi with either 136PS or 185PS. If you want 4WD, then you'll need the turbo petrol or one of the 2.0-litre diesels.

That 4WD system is fine for slippery surfaces but don't expect a vast amount of mud plugging ability.

With an imposing hexagonal grille and sleek Santa Fe-style headlights, the Tucson is a good looking Crossover.

You could never call it dull and the effect is especially nice with the wheels fitted to Premium models.

Climb aboard and the overall fit and finish is excellent. There's a well laid out dashboard, and if you find the interior a little dark, there's the option of a cream lower half to the fascia which does brighten things up significantly.

Mechanically, it's all very conventional which is no bad thing. With 513-litres of seat up boot space available (or slightly less if you go for 4WD), the Tucson comfortably beats its direct rivals. Fold the seats down and this capacity increases to 1503-litres

(or 25-litres less for 4WD). Rear seat space is good, too.

So, what do we have? The tough looks of an SUV, the sensible practicality of a 5-seater mini-MPV and the affordability of a family hatchback. These are the facts behind a Tucson model good enough to attract many new buyers to the Hyundai brand.

It's a very impressive car indeed being nicely built, efficient to run and quite capable in 4WD form of getting everywhere any ordinary family driver might want to go. Then there's this model's competitive pricing and lengthy warranty.

● Why not check out the Hyundai Tucson at Brindley Hyundai at 55 Penn Road in Wolverhampton (WV2 4WW), or Brindley Hyundai on Millenium Park, New Swan Lane in West Bromwich (B70 ONR).

Call Brindley Hyundai Wolverhampton on 01902 690609 or Brindley Hyundai West Bromwich on 0121 525 9131 to arrange your test drive\*.

\*Test drives subject to terms and conditions

### FACT FILE

**Hyundai Tucson**

**PRICES:** £18,995 - £32,700

**INSURANCE:** 15-25

**CO2:** 119-170g/km

**PERFORMANCE:** (1.6 GDi 132PS) 0-62 11.5s/max speed 113mph

**ECONOMY:** (1.6 GDi 132PS) Combined – 44.8 mpg

**SAFETY:** Twin front, side and curtain airbag/ABS with EBD, ESP



## The award winning i10 now even more affordable

ORDER YOUR  
NEW **66 PLATE** NOW

**i10 SE 1.0 6.9% APR**  
REPRESENTATIVE

Personal Contract Purchase finance example	
Monthly payments of	£149.36
Customer deposit	£149.00
Hyundai UK deposit contribution	£500
On the road price	£8,995.00
Interest charges	£1,441.62
Total amount of credit	£8,346.00
Total amount payable	£10,436.62
Optional final payment	£3,514.50
Duration of agreement (months)	43
Representative APR %	6.9%
Interest rate % (fixed)	3.56%
Annual mileage	6,000
Excess mileage charge per mile	14.9p



Test drive the possibilities

**i10** RRP £10,075  
**NOW £8,995 + Metallic Paint**  
**SAVE £1,080**

### BRINDLEY HYUNDAI

55 Penn Road  
Wolverhampton WV2 4WW  
Tel. 01902 690617  
www.brindleyhyundai-wolverhampton.co.uk

Millennium Park  
Swan Lane, West Bromwich B70 ONR  
Tel. 0121 695 9971  
www.brindleyhyundai-westbromwich.co.uk



Fuel consumption in MPG (l/100km) for i10 range: Urban 35.3 (8.0) - 55.4 (5.1), Extra Urban 55.4 (5.1) - 76.3 (3.7), Combined 45.6 (6.2) - 65.7 (4.3), CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions 142 - 98 g/km.

Fuel consumption: figures shown are based on official EU test figures. These are to be used as a guide for comparative purposes and may not reflect all driving results.

On the road (OTR) prices shown include customer saving discounts where applicable, VAT where applicable, delivery, vehicle first registration fee, number plates and 12 months' Road Fund Licence. All offers, finance and savings are subject to availability and are only available to private retail customers on new cars purchased and registered in the UK, between 1st July and 30th September 2016, inclusive. 5 Year Warranty terms and exclusions apply. Please see [www.hyundai.co.uk](http://www.hyundai.co.uk) or ask us.

W. Brindley (Garages) Limited trading as Brindley Hyundai are a credit broker (not a lender) for the purposes of this financial promotion and can introduce you to a limited number of carefully selected finance providers and may receive a commission from them for the introduction.



# Viva economy, Astra style

**Priced from £8,595, the Vauxhall Viva is a citycar that relies on substance to make sales. When it comes to the smallest cars, the most practical models make the biggest numbers and this 1.0-litre five-door hatch looks to have all the right objective figures sewn up.**

A 75PS ECOTEC petrol engine drives the front wheels via a five-speed manual gearbox and the suspension and steering has been optimised for comfort on the sort of pock-marked streets that typify most British cities. Like its bigger brother, the ADAM, the Viva gets a City mode that lightens the steering even further to help take the effort out of parking.

The styling is neat and assured, with none of the overtly cutesy flourishes that

make certain small cars very gender specific. The Viva could well appeal to lads as well as lasses, with its purposeful front end, signature Z-slash that runs through the door handles in the side swage line, plus some neat alloy wheel designs.

The 1.0-litre engine makes some decent economy figures, with the ecoFLEX model recording 65.7mpg on the combined fuel economy cycle. Even if you don't go for that version, you'll still see 62.8mpg. Around town, that figure drops to 52.3mpg in the ecoFLEX and 50.4mpg in non-ecoFLEX branded cars. Emissions range between 99 and 104g/km so choose carefully if you want to minimise your bills.

Need something larger? Let's look at Vauxhall's latest Astra. Available from £15,445 the seventh generation version of Vauxhall's Astra family hatch manages to be better equipped, more efficient and more spacious than its predecessor, while in some cases actually costing less than it did before. Think that sounds promising? Then like us, you might think that this could be the toughest rival yet to its competitors.

You'll know at first glance that this is a Vauxhall thanks to the latest take on the corporate grille, now flowing into headlights which come with the option of full LED technology. There's also the familiar blade graphic stamped into the side of the body and rear lights that now spread into the tailgate like the smaller Corsa.

Engine-wise, though the 100PS 1.4-litre petrol unit remains from the previous range, much else is new. There's the 105PS 1.0-litre three cylinder turbo unit borrowed from the Corsa, plus 125PS and 150PS versions of a new direct injection 1.4-litre turbo powerplant too, plus a 1.6-litre 200PS version



**The styling is neat and assured with none of the overtly cutsey flourishes that make certain small cars very gender specific**

of this engine further up the range. Diesel buyers get 110PS, 136PS and 160PS 1.6-litre CDTi options. Go for the 1.6 litre CDTi 110PS diesel ecoFLEX model and you'll get a car capable of 91.1mpg on the combined cycle while emitting only 82g/km of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Prices start from just over £15,000 and range up to around £23,000 and there's the usual mainstream bodystyle choice of five-door hatch and estate. The MK6 model-based GTC coupe continues on in its older form. With the latest generation

hatch and estate, there are five main trim levels – Design, Tech Line, Energy, SRI and Elite. Best of all, it's mainly British, with hatch and estate models built at Ellesmere Port near Liverpool. That reason alone might be enough to give this car a place on your family hatchback shortlist. Fortunately for Vauxhall, there are also many others.

● You'll find the economical Viva and the stylish seventh generation Vauxhall Astra at T. Wall Vauxhall, High Street, Pensnett, Kingswinford DY6 8XB. Call (01384) 288 333 for more details.



## 3 GREAT **NU 66 REG** OFFERS

### VAUXHALL CORSA LIMITED EDITION 1.4 3dr



**£79** DEPOSIT  
**£149.06** PER MONTH  
**5.0% APR**  
REPRESENTATIVE

### VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.6i EXCLUSIV



**£199** DEPOSIT  
**£169.20** PER MONTH  
**4.0% APR**  
REPRESENTATIVE

### VAUXHALL ADAM 1.2i ENERGISED 3dr



**£59** DEPOSIT  
**£139.04** PER MONTH  
**4.0% APR**  
REPRESENTATIVE

#### PERSONAL CONTRACT PURCHASE REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLE\*

47 monthly payments of	£149.06	Credit Arrangement Fee	
On the Road Cash Price	£13,885.00	(Usually payable in addition to the first monthly payment)	£149.00
Deposit (Finance Deposit Allowance of £1,500 +		Optional Final Monthly Payment	£4,899.00
Part Exchange Allowance of £1,635 + Cash deposit of £79)	£3,214.00	Fixed Rate of Interest	£3.93%p.a.
Amount of Credit	£10,671.00	Duration of agreement	48 Months
Interest Charges	£1,233.82	Total Amount Payable	£15,416.82
Arrangement Fee		Excess Mileage Charge	£0.09
(Usually payable in addition to the first monthly payment)	£149.00	Based on an Annual Mileage of	5,000
		Representative APR	5.0%

#### PERSONAL CONTRACT PURCHASE REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLE\*

47 monthly payments of	£169.20	Fixed Rate of Interest	£3.93%p.a.
On the Road Cash Price	£17,900.00	Duration of agreement	48 Months
Deposit (Finance Deposit Allowance of £3,000 +		Total Amount Payable	£19,261.40
Part Exchange Allowance of £2,820 + Cash deposit of £199)	£6,019.00	Excess Mileage Charge	£0.09
Amount of Credit	£11,881.00	Based on an Annual Mileage of	5,000
Interest Charges	£1,361.40	Representative APR	4.0%
Optional Final Monthly Payment	£5,290.00		

\*Finance provided by GMAC UK plc, P.O. Box 6666, Cardiff, CF15 7YT. Finance applicants must be 18 or over. Option 1 - Pay final payment & keep the car. Option 2 - Return the car. Option 3 - Trade in against a new vehicle. All offers subject to availability, terms and conditions. Pictures for illustration purposes only.

#### PERSONAL CONTRACT PURCHASE REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLE\*

47 monthly payments of	£139.04	Fixed Rate of Interest	£3.93%p.a.
On the Road Cash Price	£13,505.00	Duration of agreement	48 Months
Deposit (Finance Deposit Allowance of £1,700 +		Total Amount Payable	£14,636.88
Part Exchange Allowance of £1,904 + Cash deposit of £59)	£3,663.00	Excess Mileage Charge	£0.09
Amount of Credit	£9,842.00	Based on an Annual Mileage of	5,000
Interest Charges	£1,131.88	Representative APR	4.0%
Optional Final Monthly Payment	£4,439.00		

### EXCLUSIVE OFFER

**Halesowen Motor House**  
Dudley Rd, Halesowen, West Midlands B63 3NH  
**0121 503 0001** [www.halesowenmotorhouse.co.uk](http://www.halesowenmotorhouse.co.uk)

**T Wall Garages**  
High Street, Pensnett, Kingswinford DY6 8XB  
**01384 288333** [www.twall.co.uk](http://www.twall.co.uk)

**Stourbridge Motor House**  
High Street, Amblecote, Nr. Stourbridge DY8 4DG  
**01384 447970** [www.stourbridgemotorhouse.co.uk](http://www.stourbridgemotorhouse.co.uk)

**Dudley Motor Company**  
Trindle Rd, Dudley, West Midlands DY2 7AY  
**01384 454100** [www.dudleymotorco.co.uk](http://www.dudleymotorco.co.uk)





# Full experience at dealer

## Startin Honda brings Honda to Stourbridge and Halesowen.

Having recently adopted the Halesowen Honda area Startin Honda brings eighteen years' Honda Main Dealership experience in Worcester to its dealership on the Stourbridge Road in Lye.



The Startin name should already be familiar to local residents, having been active in the area since 1840, when it was originally better known for selling 'coach build' horse carts! However, locals will be happy to know that, although the models on display still have four wheels, they've gone through some major upgrades!

Whether you're looking for a new or used Honda car, you want to book a MOT or service, or you'd just like some more information about the Honda product range, Startin Honda are here to help. Our friendly sales team will share all their Honda knowledge and our highly trained technicians will keep your car running at its best.

All models in the Honda range are available for test drives and, with a range of finance deals to suit every requirement, you are sure to find the right deal for you. The friendly and experienced Startin Honda sales team will help guide you through the many model options and alternatives that are available. There are often special offers on particular models – pop in to discuss or visit the website [www.startingroup.co.uk/honda](http://www.startingroup.co.uk/honda)

### Master

For the existing Honda owner in the area you will be pleased to know that we employ a Honda master technician and front line favourite Liz Cartwright who has been working with Honda customers in the area for a long time. Our service department is staffed by Honda-trained technicians who specialise in maintenance, service and MOTs for your Honda. We can also supply you with extended warranty, roadside assistance, service reminders, bodywork repairs and genuine Honda accessories.

Startin Honda is a proud Motability partner with dedicated Motability specialists who will listen to your requirements and find the best Motability Honda to suit your needs and budget, and deal with the aftersales side too. Business users are also welcome and offered competitive contract hire terms whether for a single vehicle or a fleet of company cars for your staff. Contact our sales team to discuss your requirements.

We also stock a wide range of Honda Approved used cars both in Stourbridge and at our sister site in Worcester



– you can call in to see what takes your fancy, or call us on 01384 422 488 or search online at [www.startingroup.co.uk/honda](http://www.startingroup.co.uk/honda) to see if we have the model you are looking for. Should you wish to see a car that is currently at Worcester, we can of course arrange for you to test drive it at our Stourbridge site. Approved used cars are also available with finance.

As part of its commitment to the community, Startin Honda Stourbridge is proud to have undertaken a number of activities in the area, including involvement in the Stour-

bridge Carnival, sponsorship of the annual Black Country Festival and sponsoring the Lye Town Football Club.

"We are delighted to bring the full Startin Group Honda experience and offers to Stourbridge. Our strong family values, high standard of service and commitment to customer care will no doubt benefit all of our customers and we look forward to welcoming faces old and new," says Timothy Freeman, dealer principal. "We operate with a friendly, relaxed atmosphere so you'll feel right at home, and with fresh coffee and biscuits, we're sure you'll want to come and visit us soon."

## Big News

**HONDA**  
The Power of Dreams



Your local Honda dealer is  
Startin Honda



### STARTIN HONDA STOURBRIDGE

82 Stourbridge Road, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY9 7DE  
Call 01384 422488 or visit [startinhonda.co.uk](http://startinhonda.co.uk)

**Models Shown:** CR-V SE 1.6 i-DTEC 2WD Manual in Passion Red Pearl, Civic 1.4 i-VTEC Manual in Brilliant Sporty Blue Metallic, Jazz SE 1.3 i-VTEC Manual in Sunset Orange II and HR-V SE NAVI 1.6 i-DTEC Manual in White Orchid Pearl. **Fuel consumption figures for the Honda range in mpg (l/100km):** Urban Cycle 23.2 – 70.6 (12.2 – 4.0), Extra Urban 40.4 – 85.6 (7.0 – 3.3), Combined 32.5 – 78.5 (8.7 – 3.6). CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 201 – 94g/km. Fuel consumption figures sourced from official EU-regulated.



# More ponies in Fiesta Zetec

You might well have seen the 80, 100 and 125PS versions of the Ecoboost 1.0-litre engines before, but Ford's engineers have tweaked the powerplant to offer up a few more ponies.

Not only does the 140PS output make these Fiestas the most powerful 1.0-litre volume production cars ever but you also get more power per litre than in a Bugatti Veyron or a Lamborghini Aventador.

## Topping

This results in some fairly crisp acceleration figures, the lightweight powerplant helping the Fiesta to 62mph in just nine seconds and topping out at 125mph.

In fact, this engine delivers more than twice the specific output per litre than its predecessor – the 1.6-litre 100PS engine that powered the Fiesta S just 10 years ago.

As the name suggests the Zetec-S Red and Black Edition versions of the Fiesta come in very specific colour schemes. These two-tone models are available in Race Red, complemented by Panther Black roof and detailing; or Panther Black, with Race Red roof and detailing.

This Fiesta may still be a small car but these days, it thinks big in almost every

**This engine delivers more than twice the specific output per litre than its predecessor – the 1.6 litre 100PS**

way, starting with styling designed to make more of a statement in the supermini segment.

Variations on the Fiesta theme may come and go but before driving any version of Ford's definitive supermini, there's one thing you almost always know for certain: that it'll be a great steer.

There's a deftness to the way this car responds, an agility to the way it nips around the bends that no other small car can quite match.

Beneath the smarter styling also lies some clever user-friendly technology too – and cabin quality that'll make down-sizing into one of these less of a chore. This is how you right a best seller.

One of the benefits of the three-cylinder Ecoboost engine is that it's light and small, so it's mounted low in the car and your

steering wheel is consequently turning a lot of fresh air rather than a hefty lump of iron under the bonnet.

Yes, you're limited on colour and the black car with the red contrasts is probably going to suit the more extrovert buyers but it's hard to think of anything more fun for fifteen grand.

● T. Wall Ford on the High Street, Pensnett, Kingswinford DY6 8XB is where you'll find the Ford Fiesta 1.0 Zetec-S Black and Red Editions.

Call (01384) 282 900 and expect a warm response from the sales team.

## FACT FILE

**Ford Fiesta 1.0 Zetec-S Black and Red Editions**

**PRICES:** from £14,995

**INSURANCE:** tba

**CO2:** 105g/km

**PERFORMANCE:** 0-62 9s / top speed 125mph

**ECONOMY:** (combined) 62.8mpg

**SAFETY:** Electronic stability control, ABS with brake assist, seven airbags



# STANDOUT IN RED & BLACK

**FORD FIESTA ZETEC S  
RED & BLACK SPECIAL EDITIONS**  
➤ With the new 1.0L 140PS EcoBoost engine

Turn heads as you turn corners – test drive our sportiest ever Fiesta at T Wall Garages - Kingswinford.



## T Wall Ford

High Street, Pensnett  
**Kingswinford, DY6 8XB**  
Tel. 01384 288333  
[www.twallford.co.uk](http://www.twallford.co.uk)

Official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) for the Ford Fiesta 1.0L EcoBoost (140PS): urban 50.4 (5.6), extra urban 72.4 (3.9), combined 62.8 (4.5). Official CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 104g/km. The mpg figures quoted are sourced from official EU-regulated test results (EU Directive and Regulation 692/2008), are provided for comparability purposes and may not reflect your actual driving experience.



# Hyundai i10 is on the prize

Hyundai is looking for its i10 city car to step up from being merely branded good value for money to being considered best in class – or thereabouts. With smart styling, plenty of space inside, strong equipment levels and a focus on refinement, it's in with a genuine shot.

It's a bigger car than its predecessor, adding 80mm to the length and 65mm to the width. It sits 50mm lower too, helping it avoid the Noddy-car look of many city cars.

The arched sill finisher on the flanks is an idea that looks to have been cribbed from Renault but works extremely well in giving the sides some shape and depth. The big front air dam looks surprisingly sporty, giving the i10 a much more dynamic look than many deliberately cutesy small cars. Inside, the i10 offers best-in-class legroom and cargo capacity.

Front and rear passengers benefit from combined legroom of 1,890mm, while boot capacity has been boosted by more than 10 per cent to 252 litres with all seats in place. By contrast, a Skoda Citigo offers 251 litres, so Hyundai just squeaks in above the class benchmark. Buyers choose between 66PS 1.0-litre or 87PS 1.2-litre petrol engines.

**Hyundai i10 might be an inexpensive car but it's also a hugely significant one**

The latest model has targeted improving refinement as a key priority. The suspension has been given a thorough working over to improve ride quality and reduce noise. The longer wheelbase and better quality relocated dampers will help here, improving body control over road imperfections.

The Hyundai i10 might be an inexpensive car, but it's also a hugely significant one. When conditions are tough, buyers increasingly look to limit their expenditure and often downsize their automotive choices.

There's certainly more temptation to do so now that models of this kind offer the sort of fit, finish, refinement and equipment that we used to expect in a good family hatch. The i10 is a good example of this trend, also offering tidy styling, plenty of space inside and low running costs.

Factor in a five year/unlimited mileage

warranty arrangement and the i10 looks able to compete with the class best, even when it's pitched at much the same price as them. That's a clear statement of intent from Hyundai.

It's evidence of real confidence in their product and the Koreans are bullish about its prospects. After a first look, it appears their optimism may be well-founded.

● All Electric Hyundai at 3, Churchfields, Kidderminster DY10 2JL is where you can find the remarkable Hyundai i10 city car. Why not call the sales team on (01562) 539146 to arrange your test drive?

## FACT FILE

Hyundai i10

PRICES: £8,995-£13,045

INSURANCE: 1-4A

CO2: 98-142g/km

PERFORMANCE: [1.2] Max Speed 105mph / 0-60mph 12.2s

ECONOMY: [1.2] 61.4mpg

SAFETY: twin front, side and curtain airbags, ABS, stability control



# ORDER YOUR NU 66 REG

HYUNDAI i20 1.2  
Hatchback SE 5DR

**£ 10,995**

**£ 172.56** PER MONTH

DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION

**£ 500**



HYUNDAI i10 1.0  
Hatchback SE 5DR

**£ 8,499**

**£ 136.43** PER MONTH

DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION

**£ 500**



TERMS OF AGREEMENT <b>43 MONTHS</b>	42 MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF <b>£ 172.56</b>	TOTAL CHARGE FOR CREDIT <b>£ 1,626.02</b>	TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE <b>£ 12,621.02</b>	AMOUNT OF CREDIT <b>£ 9,496.00</b>
CUSTOMER DEPOSIT <b>£ 999.00</b>	CASH PRICE OF VEHICLE <b>£ 10,995.00</b>	OPTIONAL FINAL PAYMENT <b>£ 3,874.50</b>	DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION <b>£ 500</b>	INTEREST RATE <b>3.56%</b>
				APR <b>6.9%</b>

TERMS OF AGREEMENT <b>43 MONTHS</b>	42 MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF <b>£ 136.43</b>	TOTAL CHARGE FOR CREDIT <b>£ 1,381.56</b>	TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE <b>£ 9,880.56</b>	AMOUNT OF CREDIT <b>£ 7,863.00</b>
CUSTOMER DEPOSIT <b>£ 136.00</b>	CASH PRICE OF VEHICLE <b>£ 8,499.00</b>	OPTIONAL FINAL PAYMENT <b>£ 3,514.50</b>	DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION <b>£ 500</b>	INTEREST RATE <b>3.56%</b>
				APR <b>6.9%</b>

Selected Annual Mileage 6000. Excess mileage will be charged at the rate of 14.9 pence per mile (plus VAT) for the First 5000 miles and at twice that rate thereafter. Finance subject to status. Terms and conditions apply. Applicant must be 18 or over. Guarantees / indemnities may be required. At the end of the Personal Contract Purchase there are three options (i) Part Exchange the service. Where equity is available (ii) Pay the GFV (Guaranteed Future Value) to own the service or (iii) return the service. Further charges may be made subject to condition of the service. Hyundai Capital UK Ltd T/A Hyundai Motor Finance RH1 1SR. All images used are for illustrative purposes only.

All Electric Hyundai

3 Churchfields, Kidderminster, Worcestershire DY10 2JL

01562 549938

[www.allelectric.co.uk/hyundai](http://www.allelectric.co.uk/hyundai)

**all electric**  
SINCE 1987

**HYUNDAI** NEW THINKING.  
NEW POSSIBILITIES.





# Honda's HR-V is back and improved

The second generation Honda HR-V aims to stake a strong claim for the Japanese brand in the growing compact crossover market. This time round, it's more spacious and better equipped to take on segment leaders.

Buyers choose from either a 1.5 petrol unit or a 1.6 diesel, both sending drive to the front wheels. It looks good and deserves to do well.

Honda has ditched any pretence that this HR-V is a go-anywhere vehicle, offering it solely in front-wheel drive guise.

There's a choice of petrol or diesel power, the former being a 130PS 1.5 litre i-VTEC petrol, with the black pump-fuelled variant getting a 120PS 1.6 i-DTEC unit. Each drives through a six-speed manual transmission, although the petrol powerplant can be optioned with a CVT automatic, with a paddle-shift on some trims.

The HR-V features a low centre of gravity, with the driver's hip point more akin to a conventional hatch than an SUV.

The body is extremely rigid due to a high percentage of high-tensile steel, and this in turn helps isolate the suspension to do its job properly. Honda has concentrated on refinement, optimising aerodynamics to reduce wind noise at speed.

The HR-V also employs a highly efficient acoustic insulation package. Sound absorption measures in the inner wheel arches, floor carpet and underfloor cover combine to reduce cabin noise levels.

## Stance

Honda reckons the MK2 model HR-V combines the personality of a coupe with the solid stance of an SUV and they're not too far wrong.

The design is neat and interesting, with hidden rear door handles, deeply sculpted lower body panels and a CR-V-style front grille, headlamps and pointed taper at the rear side window line.

The cabin features decent quality materials, with a soft-touch dash top accented with brushed chrome and piano black inlays.

Unlike its predecessor, this HR-Vs quite spacious inside and there's room to accommodate Hondas Magic Seat system.

As well as splitting 60/40, the rear bench seat backs can fold forward as the seat base lowers to create a long, flat floor. The front and rear passenger seat backs can also fold forward to a horizontal position to accommodate longer items.

## Styling

The boot holds 453-litres with the rear seats in use, and 1,026-litres to the window line with the rear seats folded away.

The Honda HR-V's styling is neat and despite the sloping roofline, practicality is well up to par.

It's certainly a good deal more affordable and edgier than a CR-V. Of course, Honda has been here before with the HR-V but has learned lessons from that first generation model.

This time round, the brand has appreciated the need for real substance behind the style.

With this in place, the HR-V will continue to appeal even if something fresher and more fashionable comes along. Job done.

● You can view and test drive\* Honda's HR-V at Brindley Honda in Cannock, West Bromwich and Wolverhampton.

Brindley Honda, Walsall Road, Cannock WS11 0JP. Tel: 01543 406601

Brindley Honda, Millennium Park, Swan Lane, West Bromwich B70 0NR. Tel: 0121 629 0982

Brindley Honda, West Street, Wolverhampton WV10 6HT Tel: 01902 690593

\*With test drives terms and conditions apply

# MASSIVE SAVINGS

Save up to £5,261 on delivery mileage, unused Civics and CR-Vs



**Civic 1.8 SE Plus Navi 5dr**  
**OUR PRICE £15,999**

**SAVE £4,546**  
Metallic option £500

- climate control dual auto (a/c)
- Bluetooth®
- City Brake Active System
- 17" alloys
- cruise control
- front & rear parking sensors
- rear parking camera
- Honda Connect with Garmin® satellite navigation

**CR-V 1.6 EX Auto Diesel**  
**OUR PRICE £29,999**

**SAVE £5,261**



- climate control dual auto (a/c)
- Bluetooth®
- City Brake Active System
- 18" alloys
- cruise control
- front & rear parking sensors
- rear parking camera
- leather upholstery
- panoramic glass roof
- privacy glass
- smart keyless entry & start
- Honda Connect with Garmin® satellite navigation



**Civic 1.8 SR 5dr**  
**OUR PRICE £18,499**

**SAVE £4,661**  
Metallic option £500

- climate control dual auto (a/c)
- Bluetooth®
- City Brake Active System
- 17" alloys
- cruise control
- front & rear parking sensors
- rear parking camera
- leather upholstery
- glass roof
- privacy glass
- Honda Connect with Garmin® satellite navigation

All cars pre reg 16 plate with balance of manufacturer's warranty. Offer available only while stocks last.

These offers supersede any previous offers. Pictures for illustration purposes only.

## BRINDLEY GARAGES

**Brindley Cannock**  
Walsall Road  
Cannock WS11 0JP  
**01543 406609**

**Brindley West Bromwich**  
Millennium Park, Swan Lane  
West Bromwich B70 0NR  
**0121 629 0990**

[www.brindley.co.uk](http://www.brindley.co.uk)

**Brindley Wolverhampton**  
West Street, off Stafford Road  
Wolverhampton WV10 6HT  
**01902 690601**



# Back to basics in MX-5

Lighter, sharper and better engineered than the car it replaced, this fourth-generation Mazda MX-5 does everything right. It's offered with a 1.5 or 2.0-litre petrol engine and what it lacks in outright power it more than makes up in agility and tactility.

This rejection of a more is better philosophy is a bit of a running theme throughout this MX-5. The car's offered with either a 1.5-litre 131PS engine or a 2.0-litre 160PS unit. Mazda's chassis engineers will steer you to the 1.5-litre powerplant as they feel it's the purest specification for the MX-5 and also the lightest, tipping the scales at around the tonne. That makes this the lightest MX-5 since the original first generation car of the Nineties.

This fourth generation design conforms to five key criteria that Mazda claim define the MX-5 - rear drive with a front-mid engine layout, 50/50 weight distribution and an eagerness to change direction, plus a low kerb weight and an affordable price. All models get six-speed manual gearboxes.

The MX-5 is about agility and tactility. Its new engines are smaller which allows them to be tucked down and back in the car. That means they can be set 13mm lower and 15mm further back than on the previous car.

Weight has been pared back by using aluminium for the bonnet, boot and front wings, while the soft top hood is also lighter, improving the centre of gravity.

The shape of the MX-5 hasn't changed radically from generation to generation. This one's no exception, but there's a bit more aggression about the detailing. See one in the metal and you'll be amazed at

just how tiny it is. It's fully 105mm shorter in overall length than its predecessor, despite the wheelbase only being 15mm less. It also stands 20mm lower and 10mm wider.

Weight is the enemy. Excess weight dulls a car's responses, making it harder to turn, stop and accelerate, ensuring that it drinks more fuel and puts greater stresses on virtually every moving part, parts which then have to be made heavier to cope. The Mazda MX-5 reverses that cycle, stripping weight off which in turn allows it to pare more weight back with other simple lightweight components. It's a brilliant piece of engineering.

It also goes to show that you can probably have more fun with 1.5 litres worth of MX-5 than you can with some supercars. No, that's not hyperbole. Try it and you'll see. If you measure your cars in terms of smiles per mile, the MX-5 has to be right near the top of your shortlist.

● See the magnificent new Mazda MX-5 at Brindley Mazda, West Street, Wolverhampton WV10 6HT. Call (01902) 904509 to arrange your test drive\*.

\*Test drives subject to terms and conditions

## FACT FILE

### Mazda MX-5 range

**PRICES:** £18,495 - £24,295

**INSURANCE:** 25-29

**CO2:** 139-161g/km

**PERFORMANCE:** [1.5] 0-62mph

8.3s / top speed 127mph

**ECONOMY:** [2.0] (combined) 40.9 mpg

**SAFETY:** twin front and side airbags, stability control, ABS brakes



## MAKE THIS SUMMER ICONIC.

ALL-NEW **Mazda MX-5 ICON**

**0% APR\*\***

WITH A 50% DEPOSIT

- front airdam skirt
- wing mirrors
- rear spoiler
- unique side graphics
- 16" gunmetal alloy wheels
- Soul Red highlights
- integrated navigation
- heated leather seats
- rear parking sensors
- automatic lights and wipers
- Meteor Grey Mica or Crystal White Pearlescent

Driving home in this striking model is easier than ever, thanks to an enticing new 0% APR\*\* finance offer on Mazda Conditional Sale with minimum 50% deposit. With just 600 models available, this is your chance to own a piece of Mazda MX-5 history and make your summer truly iconic.



ZOOM-ZOOM

### BRINDLEY MAZDA

West Street, off Stafford Road A449, Wolverhampton WV10 6HT  
T. 01902 690706 [www.brindley-mazda.co.uk](http://www.brindley-mazda.co.uk)

The official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) for the Mazda MX-5 range: Urban 30.4 (9.3) - 35.8 (7.8). Extra Urban 51.4 (5.5) - 57.6 (4.9). Combined 40.9 (6.9) - 47.1 (6.0). CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (g/km) 161 - 139.

The mpg figures quoted are sourced from official EU-regulated test results obtained through laboratory testing. These are provided for comparability purposes only and may not reflect your actual driving results.

Retail sales only. Subject to availability at participating dealers only on vehicles registered between 01.07.16 and 30.09.16. T&C apply. \*\*0% APR Mazda Conditional Sale available on all all-new Mazda MX-5 models. Finance subject to status, 18s or over. Guarantee may be required. Mazda Financial Services RHI 1SR. Model shown: all-new Mazda MX-5 Icon, OTR from £20,995 in Crystal White Pearlescent paint. OTR price includes VAT, number plates, delivery, 12 months' road fund licence, first registration fee, 3 year or 60,000 mile warranty and 3 years' European Roadside Assistance. Test drives subject to applicant status and availability. Details correct at time of going to print. Not available in conjunction with any other offer unless specified.

Brindley Garages Group trading as Brindley Mazda is a credit broker not a lender for this financial promotion. We can introduce you to a limited number of carefully selected finance providers and may receive a commission from them for the introduction.



# Numbers looking good

The Citroën C1 used to be a smart pick if you were after a cheap and cheerful citycar. The latest version isn't content with being a budget option; it's tilting at the class lead. With better economy, a much better finish and a classier look and feel, it's in with a shot.

All Electric Citroën will offer you the choice of a two petrol engines: a VTI 68, available with either a 5-speed manual or a 5-speed clutchless Efficient Tronic Gearbox (ETG), or in PureTech 1.2-litre VTI 82 guise with a 5-speed manual transmission. The car has been designed to improve agility and manoeuvrability in town, with a turning circle of just 4.8 metres. There's three or five doors, two different engines, three trim levels, a choice of manual or automatic transmissions and beyond that the personalisation options. If you want your citycar

just so, without having to compromise, the C1 is going to be the first place you go. Even the most powerful 82bhp engine will manage to squeeze 65 miles out of a gallon of 95RON, emitting just 99g/km of CO2, which is extremely good going considering that this new 1.2-litre model takes just 11 seconds to reach 62mph from rest. So you're effectively getting a faster, more agile car that costs no more to run. We call that a major win.

Priced from £8,495 the C1 is going to continue to appeal to those who just want cheap wheels and it's still going to cost a pittance to run. However, it's got more in its armoury than just low running costs now. Its rivals need to keep a very watchful eye on how this plays out.

The Citroën C4 Cactus looks unlike any other vehicle on the roads thanks to its Airbump side cladding and a whole host of other bold details. The body marries smooth curves with bold, planar surfaces, indented with slick details like those Airbumps, the



The Citroën C4 Cactus looks unlike any other vehicle on the roads thanks to its Airbump side cladding

slot-like daytime running lights and the arc-like roof rails. The cabin has had lots of design effort put in it. Everything feels soft and relaxing, with squidgy seats and a simplified dash with a touch screen to house most minor controls. In an industry first, the passenger airbag is housed in the roof, freeing up the dash area to feel lighter and airier. The front seat is bench-like but only seats two and cost and weight has been taken out of the rear with the simple, non-split rear seat and the basic front-hinged rear windows. The C4 Cactus is offered with four efficient powertrains, three petrol – PureTech 75, PureTech 82 and PureTech 110 – and a BlueHDI 100 diesel variant. There is even a VED-exempt petrol version – the PureTech 82'S ETG emitting just 98g/km. If you want a low-mileage urban scooter that looks great and is easy to drive, the C4 Cactus answers the call. ● See these cars at All Electric Citroën, 3, Churchfields, Kidderminster DY10 2JL. Call the sales team on (01562) 535167 for more information.

BUY YOUR  
66 REG NOW



CITROËN C1

£99<sup>.93</sup>  
PER MONTH



£500  
DEPOSIT  
CONTRIBUTION

CITROËN C1 VTI 68 MANUAL 3-DOOR FEEL

TERM OF AGREEMENT 37 MONTHS	36 MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF £99.93	CUSTOMER DEPOSIT £2,100	ON THE ROAD CASH PRICE £9,975.00	TOTAL INTEREST £893.48
FINAL PURCHASE PAYMENT £4,671.00	TOTAL ADVANCE £7,375.00	DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION £500	TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE £10,868.48	REPRESENTATIVE 4.9% APR

Annual mileage 6,000, 6 pence per mile includes VAT (applies only if Contract mileage is exceeded) The Quotation is valid for 14 days from 10/08/16 subject to change in Manufacturer Prices or Interest Rates. It is given on the understanding that the purchaser is 18 years of age or over. Finance subject to status. A guarantee may be required.

CALL ALL ELECTRIC NOW ON 01562 549939

CHURCHFIELDS, KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE DY10 2JL

www.allelectric.co.uk/citroen

CRÉATIVE TECHNOLOGIE



Images for illustration purposes only. Prices correct at time of print.



# Clever move with Kia Niro

**Kia needed a small Juke-style compact Crossover model. And it also wanted a hybrid able to appeal to buyers who can't quite stretch to a Toyota Prius. The Niro smartly packages up both requirements into one potentially appealing product.**

Under the bonnet lies a 1.6-litre petrol/ electric hybrid powerplant of the non-plug-in variety.

The petrol unit puts out 102bhp and that's bolstered by a 42bhp electric motor mounted on the transmission and the whole package is driven by a 6-speed CVT auto gearbox. As you'd expect from a hybrid, regenerative braking is used to send power back to the battery, but Kia says it's paid special attention to brake feel, reducing the grabby nature that you get from the brakes in other hybrids.

The transmission is the latest version of Kia's 6DCT 'box, re-engineered specifically for use with the Niro's advanced hybrid powertrain, delivering a more direct and immediate response – and a more entertaining drive – than a traditional continuously-variable transmission would. The Niro's 6DCT is able to shift gears automatically, while keener drivers can pull the gear lever towards them to put the car into Manual Sports mode and allow manual

shifting.

A series of measures has been adopted to ensure low levels of noise, vibration and harshness. These include specially-designed asymmetric engine mounts to manage powertrain movements at each point in the front subframe, high density under-bonnet insulation and a sound-deadening acoustic shield with a special support structure to improve the sound of the engine accelerating across the most used range of engine speeds.

The Niro is 4,355mm in length, 1,800mm wide and 1,535mm tall, making it smaller overall than the brand's larger Sportage Crossover, though occupying a larger footprint than the cee'd hatchback. While there's nothing particularly exciting about the shape it's likely to chime with buyers in the compact Crossover segment and has a relatively sleek 0.29Cd drag factor.

The Niro's styling is certainly a break away from more sensible Prius-style hybrid models while inside the cabin has been designed to give an impression of space and modernity, with a wide dashboard and defined horizontal lines. The Niro follows the most recent Kia models in offering high quality, soft-touch materials throughout the interior. There's decent boot capacity too - 421-litres.

Matching hybrid power with Crossover trendiness was always going to make an appealing combination and the Niro delivers exactly that.

We're a little disappointed that there are no more affordable conventionally-engined versions but that apart, we like the look of what's on offer here.

Not everyone wants the noise, smell and extra expense of a diesel engine. Well if you don't, then here's a way of getting diesel economy with petrol convenience in a fashionable-looking package.

Be sure to check out the new Kia Niro at Brindley Kia.

● Brindley Kia, 55 Penn Road, Wolverhampton, West Midlands WV2 4WW. Tel: 01902 542909

● Brindley Kia, 85 New Road, Tipton, West Bromwich, West Midlands DY4 7BX.



## FACT FILE

### Kia Niro

**PRICES:** £20,000 [est]

**INSURANCE:** TBC

**CO2:** 89g/km

**PERFORMANCE:** TBC

**ECONOMY:** (combined) 73.6mpg [est]

**SAFETY:** ESP twin front, side and curtain airbags, ABS with EBA and EBD



[kia.co.uk](http://kia.co.uk)

## The All-New Kia Niro.

Crossover by design. Hybrid by nature.

**FROM £21,295**

- Dual Automatic Air Conditioning
- Lane Keep Assist System
- DAB Radio
- Alloy Wheels
- Cruise Control



**NIRO**



The Power to Surprise

### Brindley Kia

• 85 New Road, Tipton DY4 7BX

T. 0121 629 0892

[brindleykia.co.uk](http://brindleykia.co.uk)

• 55 Penn Road, Wolverhampton WV2 4WW

T. 01902 690634

[brindleykia.co.uk](http://brindleykia.co.uk)

Fuel consumption in mpg (l/100km) for the All-New Kia Niro range: Urban 64.2 (4.4) – 74.3 (3.8), Extra Urban 62.8 (4.5) – 72.4 (3.9), Combined 64.2 (4.4) – 74.3 (3.8), CO<sub>2</sub> 101 – 88g/km. MPG figures are official EU test figures for comparative purposes and may not reflect real driving results. Model shown: All-New Kia Niro 'First Edition' 1.6 GDI 1.56kWh lithium-ion 139bhp 6-speed auto DCT at £26,955. \*Care-3 is the Kia Servicing Package that covers recommended manufacturers servicing. T&Cs apply. 7 year / 100,000 mile manufacturer's warranty. For full terms and exclusions visit [www.kia.co.uk](http://www.kia.co.uk).



# Three credible MG models

MG now has three highly credible models in its range since the brand was re-introduced to the British market in 2007. Let's find out more.

### MG3

Now cleaner and smarter than before, the MG3 is a supermini you probably won't have considered.

Yet it's fun to drive, practical to own and vastly more affordable than the conventional choices in this segment.

If you don't need class-leading efficiency and you're prepared to forgive a few rough edges in return for the big savings on offer, then it could rank as a very clever choice.

Prices start at under £8,500, getting you this supermini-sized car for less than the kind of money you'd pay for a little citycar. All models get signature front LED lights and a hill holder clutch as standard, with all but the entry model featuring a high quality DAB audio system.

Safety-wise, there are six airbags, electronic stability control, corner brake control and traction control.

### MG6

The much-improved MG6 will appeal to those who like a British-built product that's good to drive, inexpensive, economical and spacious.

The styling's been refreshed, it's more economical, it's quicker, it's sharper through corners and there's a stack more kit included.

In other words, it's upped its game right across the board.

There are no petrol engines this time

round, just a much improved version of the brand's 1.9-litre DTi diesel. This engine has been developed (and is assembled) at Longbridge from a kit of parts built in China and it's a gutsy unit.

It's badged DTi-Tech, displaces 1849cc and features common rail fuelling and a variable-rate turbocharger while packing 150PS. Torque? You get a decent 350Nm at just 1,800rpm and the six-speed manual gearbox makes keeping on top of it, fairly un-troublesome.

A hefty 75kg has been taken out of the vehicle in creation of this version and the result is that 0.5 seconds has been shaved off the sprint to 62mph, the MG6 now recording a brisk 8.4 second time.

### MG GS

Crossovers now come in all shapes and sizes but if you want one capable of taking the family – something Qashqai-sized – then typically, you're looking at having to find around £20,000 to get it new.

If any brand could substantially reduce the asking fee necessary to get one of these kinds of cars in your driveway, they'd have a strong proposition to offer.

Well MG has done just that with the recently launched GS model, arguably its most credible car yet. Prices start from around £15,000.

Spec up a rival to this level and you'd be paying thousands more.

Its swoopy looks of the GS are rather appealing, and it's quite practical too, the boot being bigger than in several rivals.

To start with, only one engine is on offer here, a 1.5-litre turbo petrol unit with 164bhp – a little more power than you might expect from a car at this price point, especially as



You most certainly won't be disappointed by what

the poke comes in concert with a useful 250Nm of torque.

Small to medium caravans and trailers of up to 1,750kg in weight should be no problem. As for running costs, this GS manages 46.3mpg on the combined cycle and 139g/km.

In summary, approach the GS with ex-

pectations in line with the prices being asked and you most certainly won't be disappointed by what it offers.

● See the impressive MG range at Summit Garage (Dudley) Limited, 413-415 Himley Road, Lower Gornal, Dudley DY3 2RA. Telephone (01384) 259555 for more information.

NOW AVAILABLE ON 0% APR FINANCE<sup>†</sup>

VEHICLE SHOWN IS MG GS EXCLUSIVE IN SUNSET ORANGE WITH BLACK A-POST DECAL AT £19,989

THE ALL NEW **MG GS**

THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE MG FAMILY

FROM **£14,995\***

INCLUDING **5 YEARS WARRANTY**

FIND OUT MORE AT [MG.CO.UK/GS](http://MG.CO.UK/GS)

Fuel consumption: URBAN 36.6 - 37.6 mpg | 7.7 - 7.5 l/100km, EXTRA URBAN 53.2 mpg | 5.3 l/100km, COMBINED 45.5 - 46.3 mpg | 6.2 - 6.1 l/100km, CO2 EMISSIONS 139 - 141 g/km

Model shown is MG GS Exclusive with Sunset Orange paint and black A-post decal at £19,989. \*On the road price of £14,995 applies to the MG GS Explore with no optional extras. On the road (OTR) prices include VAT where applicable, vehicle first registration fee, delivery number plates and 12 months' Vehicle Excise Duty. From prices exclude optional metallic paint, accessories and graphics packs. Fuel consumption values shown are based on official EU test figures and are to be used as a guide for comparative purposes and may not be representative of actual driving results.

† Conditional Sale. 0% APR available on all MG GS models until 30 September 2016. A minimum deposit of 20% of the cash OTR price applies. Finance by MG Financial Services, a trading style of GMAC UK plc. PO Box 6666, Cardiff CF15 7YT. Finance subject to status. Availability and terms and conditions apply. Applicants must be aged 18 or over. Offer available at participating dealers. Please see your local dealer or visit [www.mg.co.uk/offers](http://www.mg.co.uk/offers) for details.

Summit Garage (Dudley) Ltd trading as Summit Garage

Summit Garage

Himley Road Gornal Wood Dudley West Midlands DY3 2RA  
01384 259555 [www.summitgarage.co.uk](http://www.summitgarage.co.uk)



# Fabulous Ford features

The Ford Focus didn't feel as if it needed to much remedial work done, but the latest updates give it a better-looking face, a more user-friendly interior, more efficient engines and some suspension tweaks that aim to remind us what made the Focus great in the first place.

The engine range has also been revised. The Focus petrol engine line-up now largely hinges around an efficient 1.5-litre EcoBoost unit available in either 150 or 180PS outputs. Buyers can though, continue to opt for the 1.0-litre EcoBoost petrol powerplant in 100 and 120PS guises that was chosen by a third of customers in the pre-facelift model – and a sub-100g/km version has also been developed. Diesel drivers are catered for with a 1.5-litre TDCi powerplant available in 95 or 120PS outputs. The hot ST version should build on the brilliance of its junior sibling, the livewire Fiesta ST.

The styling updates look really good, especially the front end which wears that Aston Martin lookalike front grille so much more elegantly than the somewhat pan-faced Fiesta. The interior has also been given a serious once-over. The fascia design is more intuitive, that button-strewn centre stack and steering wheel being tidied up considerably. Many of the controls are now marshalled by the SYNC 2 high-resolution, 8-inch colour touch screen system. The Focus is back at the very top of its game!

Ford has completed its SUV line-up with a larger model, the Edge, a car that takes the brand back into the luxury part of this segment.

With the Edge model offered here there's a choice of 180PS 2.0-litre TDCi diesel engine with six-speed manual transmission, or a 210PS bi-turbo 2.0 litre TDCi diesel with a six-speed PowerShift automatic gearbox. It features Ford's Intelligent All-Wheel Drive (AWD) technology as standard, delivering a seamless transition between front-wheel drive and all-wheel drive performance to provide a more secure footing on the road especially in slippery conditions.

The Edge's exterior is sharp and attractive, while inside, the interior has been designed with high-quality materials throughout, including soft-touch trims on the dashboard and centre console. Overall then, this is the most competitive large SUV that the Blue Oval brand has yet brought us. We can already recommend this car as a promising prospect.

Featuring vehicles with sporty styling inspired by Ford Performance and offering a range of powerful and efficient EcoBoost petrol and TDCi diesel powertrains, Ford now offers today announced a new ST-Line model range for Europe. ST-Line launches with the Fiesta ST-Line – priced from £15,645



**Ford has completed its SUV line-up with a larger model, the Edge, a car that takes the brand back into the luxury part of this segment**

– and Focus ST-Line – priced from £20,595 – both available to order now.

Delivering bold exterior and interior designs inspired by Ford's acclaimed Fiesta ST performance model, the new Fiesta ST-Line are designed for customers who aspire to the sporty image of Ford's ST models – but do not require the full performance delivered by optimised ST engines and chassis with sports technologies. Enhanced driving dynamics are delivered by sport suspension – lowered by 10mm

The Fiesta ST-Line is offered with a range of powerful engines including Ford's multi-award-winning 1.0-litre EcoBoost petrol

engine, sport suspension and body styling, unique alloy wheel designs, and sport seats, sport steering wheel and alloy pedals for the interior. Available in 3-door and 5-door bodystyles, the Fiesta ST-Line is a sporty new addition to the UK's best-selling car.

● See these models and many more at Hills Ford at 169-171 Newtown Road, Malvern WR14 1PJ. Call (01684) 212 410 to find out more.

You can also find Hills Ford at Worcester Road, Kidderminster DY10 1JB.

Phone the sales team there on (01562) 540595 for more information.



## Hills Ford have new 66 plate Fords at the very best prices

GB 66 REG



**24 HOUR TEST DRIVES**  
on all new car enquiries†  
Ask for details

**NEW ECOSPORT TITANIUM**  
1.0T 125PS 5DR



**CASH PRICE £15,710.69**

**£400**

FINANCE DEPOSIT ALLOWANCE

**CUSTOMER SAVING £1,422.31**

**NEW KUGA TITANIUM SPORT**  
2.0 TDCi 150PS 5 DR



**CASH PRICE £24,397.26**

**£1,700**

FINANCE DEPOSIT ALLOWANCE

**CUSTOMER SAVING £3,015.74**

**NEW FORD EDGE ZETEC**  
2.0 TDCi 180PS AWD 5 DR



**CASH PRICE £29,995.00**

**£500**

FINANCE DEPOSIT ALLOWANCE

**CUSTOMER SAVING £2,496.00**



**HILLS FORD**

Worcester Road, Kidderminster DY10 1JB  
**01562 549708**

**hillsford.co.uk**



169–171 Newtown Road, Malvern WR14 1PJ  
**01684 212326**

Official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) Ford Car range: urban 41.5 - 23.54 (6.8-12.0), extra urban 67.3 - 34.87 (4.2-8.1), combined 57.7 - 29.73 (4.9-9.5). Official CO2 emission 95-249g/km. Offers end 30th September 2016. Details correct at time of going to print. Subject to availability. Contact us for full terms and conditions. \*Finance deposit subject to status. Guarantees may be required. 2.9% APR Representative offer excludes KA Studio, KA Style, Edge, RS and Mustang. Ford Credit Finance Abbott House, Everard Close, St Albans AL1 2RW. MTCR Marketing LTD Trading as Hills Ford is acting as a credit broker and is not a lender. Retail only. †Conditions apply and excludes RS, ST, Mustang. Images for illustration purposes only. E&OE.





# Take a look at range

## Celerio

The Suzuki Celerio aims to offer the interior space of the company's old Splash model, plus the price and economy of the Suzuki Alto citycar it also replaces. Certainly this car, with its perky 1.0-litre three cylinder engines, big spec list and optional AGS transmission, looks to be made of all the right stuff.

If you want a car that is utterly no-nonsense, easy to use and which we'd bet will prove to be extremely reliable, the Celerio demonstrates that these qualities needn't cost you the earth.

The fact that it's well-equipped and is incredibly cheap to run is just the icing on the cake.

## Baleno

Suzuki is bringing back the Baleno nameplate as they expand their range. Although designed to compete against cars like the Ford Fiesta and Skoda Fabia, it promises greater levels of space at a bargain price. Suzuki will be perfectly placed to appeal to those looking to downsize.

There are a couple of highly efficient engine options in the new Baleno. Space is the big selling point though.

Not only is there plenty of room for rear seat passengers, there's a class leading 355-litre boot too.

Compared to the Swift, the Baleno is longer, wider yet lower, which gives it a much less upright look. Safety-highlights include an adaptive cruise control system that can alter the car's speed to suit traffic and autonomous braking too.

## Swift range

With the current generation version of their Swift supermini, Suzuki has stayed true to the design principles that have long served them in the small car sector, low running costs, high quality and a spacious cabin being the highlights.

For the latest model year, the design gets minor visual tweaks, the option of 4WD and a five-door bodystyle alternative for the top Sport hot hatch.

If you haven't checked out this Swift for some time but are familiar with the model, you might notice that the latest versions have been lately treated to a restyle running to things like a re-designed front bumper and grille and silver detailing to the lower front bumper.

For added safety and style, a neater LED-type high level brake lamp has been added. Plus there's a reasonable 204-litre boot.

## Vitara

The Vitara, Suzuki's latest compact crossover, aims to build a lot of talent into four metres.

With a choice of petrol or diesel, front or all-wheel drive and styling that's more assured than anything Suzuki has brought us before, it looks to be a competitive proposition.

The mechanicals are shared as they are with the existing SX-4 S-Cross. So buyers get to choose between either a 1.6-litre petrol engine or a 118bhp 1.6 diesel, both being offered in front or four-wheel drive guises.

The petrol engine is fitted with a five-speed manual gearbox as standard,



## Check out these Suzuki models at Halesowen

with an optional CVT transmission also offered.

Go diesel and you get a six-speed manual box.

Short overhangs will help with off-roading and the ALLGRIP four-wheel-drive transmission features an electronically controlled clutch pack, controlled by a four-position switch on the centre console.

Internally and externally the Vitara

is quite an assured piece of design work.

Buyers can also specify a rugged package which adds front and rear skidplates as well as additional body side mouldings.

● Check out these Suzuki models at Halesowen Motor House on Dudley, Halesowen B63 3NH. Call (0121) 503 0001 to arrange your test drive\*.

\*Terms and Conditions Apply

# GREAT PRICES

## AT HALESOWEN MOTOR HOUSE

## FREE SET OF CAR MATS WITH EVERY 66 PLATE SUZUKI



**Celerio from  
£6,999\***

- BODY COLOUR EXTERIOR DOOR HANDLES
- CURTAIN AIRBAGS
- DRIVER & FRONT PASSENGER AIRBAGS
- DAB DIGITAL RADIO



**Swift from  
£8,999\***

- 3 AND 5 DOOR MODELS
- 1.2 PETROL AND DUALJET ENGINES



**Vitara from  
£14,499\***

- USB CONNECTOR
- SILVER ROOF RAILS

Don't forget to ask about our competitive finance packages tailored to suit you, Free set of car mats with all 66 Plate Suzukis. Offer ends 30/09/2016

**Book your test drive today at [suzuki.co.uk/halesowenmotorhouse](http://suzuki.co.uk/halesowenmotorhouse)  
Or visit us at [www.halesowenmotorhouse.co.uk](http://www.halesowenmotorhouse.co.uk)**

## HALESOWEN MOTOR HOUSE

Dudley Road Halesowen B63 3NH **0121 503 0001**

Official Fuel Consumption Figures for the Suzuki Celerio range mpg (litres/100km) and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (g/km): Urban 55.3-68.9 (5.3-4.1), Extra Urban 76.3-83.0 (3.7-3.4), Combined 65.7-78.4 (4.3-3.6), CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 99-84 g/km and for the Suzuki Swift range mpg (litres/100km) and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (g/km): Urban 41.5-57.6 (6.8-4.9), Extra Urban 57.6-72.4 (4.9-3.9), Combined 50.4-65.7 (5.6-4.3), CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 128-99 g/km and for the Suzuki Vitara range mpg (litres/100km) and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (g/km): Urban 42.1-61.4 (6.7-4.6), Extra Urban 55.4-76.3 (5.1-3.7), Combined 49.5-70.6 (5.7-4.0), CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 131-106 g/km.

The above fuel consumption figures are based on an EU test for comparative purposes only and may not reflect real driving results. For full details contact your local participating Suzuki Dealer. Offer subject to availability for vehicles privately registered between 1st July to 30th September 2016 from participating Authorised Suzuki Dealers only. Offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers. All prices and specifications correct at time of going to print. Models shown \*Celerio 1.0 S22 Petrol Manual available at £6,999 on the road (Metallic paint available at £415). Celerio range - Celerio 1.0 S22 Petrol Manual available at £6,999 to Celerio 1.0 S24 Petrol AGS available at £9,799 AND \*Swift 1.2 3dr S22 available at £8,999 on the road (Metallic paint available at £430). Swift range - Swift 1.2 S22 3dr Petrol Manual available at £8,999 to Swift 1.2 S24 5dr Petrol Dualjet available at £12,699. \*Vitara 1.6 S24 available at £14,499 on the road. (Single-tone metallic paint available at £415, dual-tone paint is available at £800.) Vitara S24 1.6 Petrol Manual available at £14,499 to Vitara S25 1.6 DDIS ALLGRIP TCSS with Rugged Pack available at £24,149.



66 REG



## Start your journey down Route "66"

Order Now....

Your '66' Registration 'Brand New' Swift or Autosleeper Motorhome from our advertised stock then.....

Pay your deposit for your new Motorhome, accept your handover by one of our fully trained technicians during the month of August and once fully paid (or take advantage of our special 'low rate' finance), we will deliver to your nominated U.K. address ready for your adventures to commence on 1st September!

(Remember, order early to allow for D.V.L.A. registration and you must provide off road parking and Comprehensive Insurance for August delivery (within 150 miles radius). PART EXCHANGES WANTED).



01384 882821

### AEG Motorhomes

Birmingham Street, Stourbridge,  
West Midlands, DY8 1JE

[www.aegmotorhomes.co.uk](http://www.aegmotorhomes.co.uk)



## Express Repairs for Minor Accident Damage



✓ Bumper scuffs

✓ Kerbed alloys



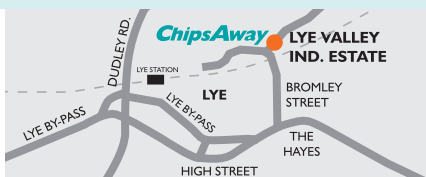
✓ Paintwork scratches

✓ Dented panels

**Local: 01384 429568**  
**Mobile: 07500 858428**

Email us: [halesowen.stourbridge@chipsaway.co.uk](mailto:halesowen.stourbridge@chipsaway.co.uk)  
[www.chipsawayhalesowenandstourbridge.co.uk](http://www.chipsawayhalesowenandstourbridge.co.uk)

Visit us: Unit 9 Lye Valley Industrial Estate,  
Bromley Street, Lye DY9 8HX



**ChipsAway**

Scratches and scuffs won't dent your pocket

• Free Estimates • Lifetime Guarantee • Most Repairs Completed in One Day

Advertisement Feature



## Motorhomes ownership The smart choice for today's holiday

Over the last few years many people have been turning to camping holidays as a cost effective and fun choice for their breaks. As a result, motorhome ownership has been rising as more people have seen the advantages offered by camping breaks which offer value for money and an enjoyable holidaying experience.

The appeal of owning a motorhome is obvious to those who enjoy self catering holidays. You can generally stay where you want to stay and enjoy a real family holiday experience, and trips

away can be relatively inexpensive. There's usually a vibrant social scene at camping sites to consider, and it's worth bearing in mind that these days the vast majority offer excellent onsite facilities.

### Purchase

So, how do you decide on which motorhome to purchase? First of all, you must decide on whether you wish to buy new or used. Then you have to take into consideration how many there are of you who might wish to use the motorhome on a regular basis. Two, four, six and even eight berth models are available.

Visit your local motorhome dealer, AEG Motorhomes, where the team of friendly experts will be able to guide you through the process of deciding which model to opt for. You'll need gas and accessories too, and they should be able to assist you with all these aspects of ownership.

The choice of motorhomes and caravans is amazingly varied with something to suit everybody and every budget. So visit AEG Motorhomes on Birmingham Street, Stourbridge, DY8 1JE and take a good look at the motorhomes available. Call (01384) 882821 or log on to [www.aegmotorhomes.co.uk](http://www.aegmotorhomes.co.uk) to find out more.

16 pages of  
NEW CAR DEALS

## NewCar?

VIEW OUR VIDEO ROAD TESTS

[WWW.EXPRESSANDSTAR.CO.UK](http://WWW.EXPRESSANDSTAR.CO.UK)

**11th August**

Stafford & Stone Express & Star

**MNA**

**12th August**

Express & Star

**Express & Star**

**10th & 11th August**

Dudley, Halesowen &  
Stourbridge Chronicle



CHANGE UP A GEAR WITH **DRIVETIME...**



# Good price, premium refinement in Insignia

By John Griffiths

**Vauxhall's Insignia is a big family car which is aimed firmly at the business market, where low running costs (and in particular tax bills) are critical.**

Competition is fierce, with big name rivals such as the Mazda6, VW Passat and, of course, the big-selling Ford Mondeo to contend with. That rivalry has been the key to driving up standards, as well as paring costs, as business drivers often have to spend many hours each working day behind the wheel and take the family out at weekends.

The Insignia has been around for a while, but has been tweaked here and there with particular attention to what's under the bonnet, with a new range of highly efficient engines. The test car was the (wait for it) 1.6CDTI ecoFLEX S/S in Tech Line trim: a bit of a mouthful but popular in company car parks across the country. And I can see why.

The Insignia has good looks on its side because of its sleek, sporty profile which means it could pass itself off as a big coupe – except that it has five doors, and room for five adults and lots of luggage inside.

Even if you're not excited by all things oily and mechanical, you appreciate the brilliance of the relatively small (for a car of this size) 1,598cc turbo diesel engine simply because of the way it impacts on so many aspects of the car.

It is the latest example of what Vauxhall terms its whisper diesel and is aptly named.

You might not be able to hear the clock ticking (it's digital) or a pin drop (because of the thick carpets) but it's virtually silent while cruising the motorway at 70mph, helping the Insignia reach levels of refinement and relaxation that were once the preserve of the rich man's luxury motor.

Its 0 to 62mph time of 10.9 seconds is moderately quick, but with the turbo diesel's 320Nm of torque available from 2,000rpm the sprint figure isn't representative of the Insignia's in-gear performance – for example decisive overtaking.

## Impressed

Neither is it underpowered even for such a big car, as its official fuel economy figure is 74.3mpg. That's a laboratory test, of course, which you're unlikely to achieve in the real world but I was impressed by my average of a little over 54mpg. That included around town driving and a trip along Welsh mountains roads with plenty of throttle adjustments and gear changes: on an A-road and motorway cruise I'm confident 60-plus is perfectly possible.

The official figures though mean that its CO2 emissions rating is 99g/km – meaning no road tax and low benefit-in-kind tax for the company car driver. An insurance rating of Group 17E shouldn't break the bank, either.

While running costs are frugal, don't be left with the impression this is a cheap car. The Tech Line cabin is spacious, with high grade materials and big, comfortable seats.

The ride is also a good compromise between dynamics and comfort, so even on poorer surfaces it damps the effects of all but the worst potholes. Yet, with the addition of nicely weighted steering, it's a car you can swing through the corners with confidence.

It's well put together as a car for going the distance. My test drive took in some 200 miles of pretty testing roads which were completed without the driver feeling stiff, tired and grumpy – ideal for today's businessman travelling to an important meeting. The driver gets an electric lumbar support adjuster, which helps keep you comfortable on a long drive and there's an efficient climate control system.

As you'd expect, the driver's comprehensive instrument display is complemented by a central touch screen controller for the audio, satnav and connectivity systems. It also has a programme for adjusting various car settings, eliminating a potential clutter of switches on the fascia.

Standard equipment includes cruise control, electric windows and door mirrors, automatic headlamps and wipers, electronic stability control and six airbags.

An option fitted to the vehicle was Vauxhall's new and impressive Onstar system at £395. Its just three buttons in the roof panel, but using GPS and a telematics system it's a major step forward. You can, for example, speak to a real human operator in Onstar's Luton HQ who can give you a car remote control once-over to see, for example, if your tyres are correctly inflated. Or give them a destination and a route will be downloaded into the car's navigation system.

But probably the most convincing reason for having the option fitted is the red SOS button which can put you in touch with the operator (who will know your location) and alert the emergency services. If the car is stolen, Onstar can remotely disable it and report its location to the police.

The Insignia is competitively priced, particularly for a car offering premium car refinement. Low running costs and futuristic technology to a section of the market where drivers rely on their vehicles to cover high mileages.

It will carry up to 530 litres of cargo (almost 1,500 litres with the rear seats folded down), adding practicality to its stylish yet frugal character.



# OakGarage.co.uk

Oak Garage your local RAC Approved Dealer.



Only 500 Yards From Merry Hill Shopping Centre:

## Our Low Mileage Selection

13 Meriva 1.4 Exclusiv Auto Silver Only 3000 Miles	<b>£8,795</b>
65 Adam 1.2 Jam 3dr Red Only 5000 Miles	<b>£8,995</b>
64 Kia Picanto 1.0 VR7 Red Only 9000 Miles	<b>£6,795</b>
13 Kia Venga 1.6 2 Auto Black Only 10000 Miles	<b>£7,995</b>
14 Zafira 1.7 CDTI Exclusiv Brown Only 10000 Miles	<b>£9,495</b>
13 Note 1.6 N-Tec+ Auto Red Only 11000 Miles	<b>£7,795</b>
14 Meriva 1.4 SE Auto Brown Only 11000 Miles	<b>£9,995</b>
64 Suzuki SX4 S Cross 1.6 SZ3 Red Only 11000 Miles	<b>£9,295</b>
12 Insignia 2.0 CDTI 160 SRI EST Black 12000 Miles	<b>£9,995</b>
64 C4 Picasso 1.6 HDI VTR+ Blue Only 13000 Miles	<b>£11,495</b>
13 DS4 1.6 HDI 115 Style White Only 14000 Miles	<b>£9,995</b>
12 Fiesta 1.25 Zetec Silver Only 15000 Miles	<b>£7,495</b>
13 C4 Picasso 1.6 E-HDI Plat EGS Red Only 16000 Miles	<b>£9,995</b>
13 Fiesta 1.6 Zetec Auto Silver Only 17000 Miles	<b>£8,995</b>
13 Venga 1.4 CRDI 2 Blue Only 17000 Miles	<b>£7,995</b>
12 308 1.6 HDI Active Blue Only 17000 Miles	<b>£6,795</b>
13 Meriva 1.4 Exclusiv Auto Orange Only 17000 Miles	<b>£7,795</b>
13 Seat Altea XI 1.6 TDI CR SE Red Only 1700 miles	<b>£8,995</b>
64 Qashqai 1.5 DCI Tekna White Only 17000 Miles	<b>£17,495</b>
13 C3 Picasso 1.6 Exc EGS6 Red Only 18000 Miles	<b>£7,995</b>

## Citroen

13 Berlingo 1.6 HDI+ Multispace Blue 27k	<b>£8,495</b>
13 C3 Picasso 1.6 VTR+ EGS6 White 28k	<b>£7,295</b>
13 C3 Picasso 1.6 VTR+ EGS Red 31k	<b>£7,295</b>
13 C3 Picasso 1.6 HDI Excl Blue 34k	<b>£7,495</b>
59 C4 Picasso 1.6 HDI VTR+ EGS Grey 66K	<b>£5,495</b>

## Ford

57 Fiesta 1.25 Zetec Cli 3dr Black	<b>£2,195</b>
58 Focus 1.6 Style Blue 63k	<b>£3,995</b>
13 Gr C-Max 1.6 TDCI Zetec White 27k	<b>£9,995</b>

## Nissan

58 Note 1.4 Acenta Red 50k	<b>£3,795</b>
13 Note 1.5 DCI N-Tec+ Blue 24k	<b>£7,495</b>
13 Note 1.5 DCI N-Tec+ White 25k	<b>£7,295</b>
13 Juke 1.5 DCI Acenta Blue 32k	<b>£9,495</b>
13 Juke 1.6 Acenta Red 24k	<b>£8,995</b>

## Peugeot

13 Partner 1.6 HDI Teepee Grey 28k	<b>£8,495</b>
13 3008 1.6 E-HDI Allure EGC Black 28k	<b>£9,995</b>
13 3008 1.6 HDI Active Silver 34k	<b>£8,495</b>
13 3008 1.6 HDI Active II Blue 29k	<b>£8,995</b>
13 3008 1.6 HDI Active II EGC Grey 49k	<b>£7,995</b>

## Renault

07 Modus 1.5 DCI Dynamique Silver 37k	<b>£2,995</b>
58 Kangoo 1.2 Auth Blue 23k Wheelchair Access Ramp	<b>£3,995</b>
14 Captur 1.5 DCI Dyn S Blue 22k	<b>£10,995</b>
13 Gr Scenic 1.5 DCI Dynam Tomtom Red 29k	<b>£9,995</b>

## Vauxhall

61 Corsa 1.2 SXI Silver 40k	<b>£5,295</b>
10 Corsa 1.4 SE Grey 51k	<b>£4,795</b>
13 Astra GTC 2.0 CDTI SRI Coupe Red 19k	<b>£9,495</b>
12 Zafira 1.6 Design Red 22k	<b>£7,495</b>

## Others

57 Cherokee 2.8 CRD Sport Auto Silver 63k	<b>£4,795</b>
12 Kia Sportage 1.7 CRDI 2 S/Wagon Black 43k	<b>£11,795</b>
08 Lexus IS F 5.0 Auto Red 58k	<b>£21,995</b>
59 Mini 1.6 Cooper White 36k	<b>£5,995</b>
62 Seat Leon 1.6 TDI CR SE Copa White 45k	<b>£7,995</b>
62 XC 60 R Design AWD White 24k	<b>£22,495</b>

## Choice of Nissan Notes

From **£7295**



Sales Line Open Every Day Until 9pm  
Call Steve 07747633329

**3 Years**  
Service Plan with all our Nissan Notes this weekend

Specialists In One Owner, Low Mileage, Full Service History, Ex Motability Vehicles



Over 100 Low Mileage Cars available soon, see details at:

# www.oakgarage.co.uk

Unit 1, Sterling Park, Brierley Hill DY5 1TB

## Tel: 01384 75097

Opening Times: Mon-Thur: 9am-6pm, Fri-Sat: 9am-5pm, Sun: 11am-4pm



# Fiat Tipo – class leader

## Commercial feature

**The new Fiat Tipo hatchback is deceptively roomy, being capable of accommodating three six-foot-plus adult passengers in the rear – thanks to class-leading legroom and outstanding headroom.**

Its boot capacity is also best-in-class with a volume of 440 litres, while the Station Wagon version adds an additional 110 litres of boot space which, at 550 litres, is also class leading. The Station Wagon can also carry loads of up to 1.8m in length and its flip-and-fold 60/40 split rear seats provide a completely flat load floor.

Loading the boot of the Station Wagon is aided by a low load sill with reconfigurable components such as an adjustable load floor and removable side storage panels to further increase the width of the luggage compartment. The roller cover can be removed with one hand and stored under the floor panel, while two lights, two bag hooks and four load-retaining hooks positioned.

The Tipo features numerous cabin compartments with a variety of shapes and capacities totalling no less than 12 litres. Easily reachable by driver and passengers, these compartments are perfect for storing personal objects, smartphones, game consoles, bottles, coins and much more, and there is also a USB port for charging and connecting devices.

The entry-level trim level is equipped with air conditioning, remote central locking, front electric windows, body-coloured door

mirrors with electric adjustment, six airbags, DAB digital radio, chrome door handles, split rear seats, a front seat centre arm rest, USB and Bluetooth with steering wheel remote controls. The Station Wagon adds rear electric windows and longitudinal roof bars.

Key options for the entry-level version include front fog lights, dark tinted rear windows, rear electric windows (standard on Station Wagon), 16-inch alloy wheels, rear parking sensors and a five-inch Uconnect touchscreen system with Live services, DAB and satellite navigation).

The mid-range trim level adds a five-inch Uconnect touchscreen infotainment system, a leather-trimmed steering wheel and gear knob, rear power windows, LED daytime running lights, 16-inch alloy wheels, front fog lights, rear parking sensors and cruise control. Price for the mid-level trim is £1,000 above the equivalent entry-level Tipo, simplifying the range and making it easier to choose the best Tipo for needs and budget.

Also included with the mid-level version are the Uconnect LIVE services, which combines with a smartphone app to offer music streaming with Deezer and Tuneln, news from Reuters and the ability to stay in touch with friends via Facebook Check-in and Twitter, not to mention monitoring vehicle performance, efficiency and maintenance status with eco:Drive and my:Car.

The top trim level, which is priced £1,000 above the equivalent mid-level version, builds on the specification of the mid-range Tipo but adds satellite navigation with TomTom LIVE services including HD Traffic, climate control, 17-inch alloy wheels, automatic lights and wipers, rear view camera, driver's side lumbar support and a chrome pack all as standard.



**Fiat Tipo has collected the prestigious Autobest “Best Buy Car 2016” award, chosen by a jury of 26 international journalists**

There are three petrol engines, a 1.4-litre 16v producing 95hp and a 1.4 T-Jet turbo petrol with 120hp and the 1.6-litre e-TorQ engine producing 110hp and two turbo diesel engines – a 1.3-litre MultiJet II producing 95hp and 200Nm and a 1.6-litre MultiJet II with an output of 120hp and 320Nm.

The Fiat Tipo was designed in Italy by the Fiat Style Centre, developed in Turkey together with Tofa R&D, one of FCA's largest research and development centres, and made in the Tofa plant in Bursa – one

of the world's best automotive factories, which has received a World Class Manufacturing Gold Medal.

Since its world première at the Istanbul Motor Show in May 2015 and its presentation to the international press last November, the Fiat Tipo has collected the prestigious Autobest “Best Buy Car 2016” award, chosen by a jury of 26 international journalists.

The all-new Fiat Tipo goes on sale in the UK in September in hatchback and station wagon body styles.

**Express & Star**

**VIRTUAL**

# MOTORSHOW

**REVIEW YOUR NEW CAR BY VIDEO BEFORE YOU TEST DRIVE!**

**KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE LATEST MANUFACTURER & DEALER OFFERS BY VISITING OUR SHOW...**

**DRIVING EXPERIENCE - COST OF OWNERSHIP - DESIGN & BUILD - RANGE**

**> VIDEO REVIEWS > DEALERSHIP INFORMATION**



[expressandstar.com/drivetime](http://expressandstar.com/drivetime)



# fast thetucket

## Pete performs

Williams ready to wow – P35



**Gabrielle rises**  
See Page 35



**NATIVE  
MONSTER**  
Entertainment Unleashed

For full listings see **Express & Star** every Friday

**Travelstyle** COACH HOLIDAYS

**FREE BROCHURE 0844 288 0830**

or visit [travelstyletours.co.uk](http://travelstyletours.co.uk)

### SHOWTIME

2/4 DAYS FROM **£99.95**



MORE DATES...  
travelstyletours.co.uk

HALF BOARD ACCOMMODATION  
Ticket included

21 AUG • DIRTY DANCING IN BLACKPOOL  
3 SEP • ALADDIN • MATILDA  
10 SEP • JERSEY BOYS • FUNNY GIRL  
16 SEP • DANIEL O'DONNELL IN BOURNEMOUTH  
17 SEP • CHICAGO THE MUSICAL & CHESTER  
24 SEP • CHARLIE & CHOC FACTORY • KINKY BOOTS  
1 OCT • MOTOWN • WICKED  
8 OCT • SUNNY AFTERNOON • PHANTOM  
15 OCT • LES MISERABLES  
22 OCT • ALADDIN • LION KING  
29 OCT • THE WIND AND THE WILLOWS IN SALFORD  
29 OCT • MATILDA • JERSEY BOYS  
5 NOV • MAMMA MIA • BEAUTIFUL  
12 NOV • MOTOWN • ALADDIN  
19 NOV • KINKY BOOTS • CHARLIE & CHOC FACTORY

### LONGLEAT SAFARI Jungle Cruise & Bath



2 DAYS **£99.95**

OVERNIGHT HALF BOARD

• Admission to Safari Park, Jungle Cruise, African Village, Longleat House & more plus visit to Bath  
SAT 27 AUG, 10 SEP, 1, 22 OCT

### HOLY ISLAND, BAMBURGH & NORTHUMBERLAND



5 DAYS FROM **£199.95**

4 NIGHTS HALF BOARD Britannia Hotel, Woolsington  
• Includes visits to Bamburgh, Seahouses & Holy Island, Berwick on Tweed and Cheviot Hills  
MON 22 AUG, 12 SEP, 3 OCT

### BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS



2/3/5 DAYS FROM **£59.95**

HALF BOARD at Selected Hotels

2 DAYS - 25 SEP, 16, 22, 30 OCT  
3 DAYS - 9 SEP, 7, 28 OCT  
5 DAYS - 5, 19 SEP, 24 OCT

### LIVERPOOL BEATLES & CHESTER



5 DAYS FROM **£189.95**

4 NIGHTS HALF BOARD Adelphi Hotel

• Includes Beatles Tour & Cavern Club, Mersey River Cruise & Visit to Chester  
MON 5, 19 SEP, 24 OCT, 28 NOV

### TORQUAY & EDEN PROJECT



4/5 DAYS FROM **£149.95**

3/4 NIGHTS HALF BOARD Seascapes/Barncourt Hotel

• Admission included to Eden Project  
4 DAYS FRI 19, 26 AUG, 23 SEP, 21 OCT  
5 DAYS MON 22 AUG, 5, 19 SEP, 3, 24 OCT

### 5 DAY BREAKS **£139.95** FROM



TORQUAY  
22, 29 Aug  
5, 12, 19, 26 Sep

ISLE OF WIGHT  
22, 29 Aug  
5, 12, 19, 26 Sep

BOURNEMOUTH  
22, 29 Aug  
5, 12, 19, 26 Sep

EASTBOURNE  
22 Aug, 5, 12, 19 Sep  
3, 10, 24 Oct, 21 Nov

FOLKESTONE  
& OSTEND  
22, 29 Aug  
5, 12, 19, 26 Sep

LLANDUDNO  
5, 19 Sep, 24 Oct,  
28 Nov, 5 Dec

### ISLE OF ARRAN & LOCH LOMOND CRUISE



5 DAYS FROM **£199.95**

4 NIGHTS HALF BOARD Adamton House Hotel

• Isle of Arran tour & Loch Lomond Cruise  
MON 12 SEP, 3 OCT

### WARNER STUDIO TOUR Making of Harry Potter



2 DAYS **£119.95**

OVERNIGHT HALF BOARD

• Admission included plus visits to Science & Natural History Museums  
SAT 3, 24 SEP, 8 OCT, 12, 19, 26 NOV, 3, 10, 17 DEC

### SOUTHPORT KESWICK & SEVEN LAKES



5 DAYS **£179.95**

4 NIGHTS HALF BOARD Scarsbrick Hotel, Southport

• Includes visits to Keswick, Kendal Market, Morecambe, Arnscliffe plus Severn Lakes Circular Tour  
MON 5, 19 SEP, 24 OCT

### BABBACOMBE DEVON STEAM, CRUISE & CREAM TEA



5 DAYS FROM **£199.95**

4 NIGHTS HALF BOARD Trecarn Hotel

• Includes South Devon steam train ride & River Dart cruise, plus an afternoon Devon cream tea  
MON 22, 29 AUG, 5, 12 SEP, 3, 10, 24 OCT

### ISLANDS AT CHESTER ZOO & LLANGOLLEN CRUISE



2 DAYS **£99.95**

OVERNIGHT HALF BOARD

• Includes admission to Chester Zoo & Fast-Track entry to The Islands, plus a horse drawn canal boat cruise in Llangollen  
SAT 20 AUG, 17 SEP, 29 OCT

Explore more: Lake Garda, Austria, Costa Brava, Ostend, Amsterdam, Disneyland, Paris, Ireland **from £199.95**



# Dirty dancers having the time of their lives



Lewis Griffiths and Katie Hartland getting into shape with the rest of the cast at rehearsals for the Dirty Dancing production at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre

**USE YOUR LOFT!**

**Bison**  
Loft Ladders

Access your loft safely and easily with Bison loft stairs. A "gas" strut mechanism requiring just fingertip control makes opening and closing your loft stairs exceptionally easy.

- Fully manufactured by us in the Midlands
- Free Survey
- 'Bison' loft ladders, only available from us
- Full 4 year parts & labour guarantee
- The only product available with a safety handle in the loft
- Fitted in approx 2 hours (including making the opening larger)
- NEW: Now available in white no painting required\*
- NEW: Now complete with "comfort" feet to protect carpets and wooden floors.

**£395**  
Special offer for limited time  
**£299**  
(incl VAT)  
Quote Ref Z2

Safety hand rail  
Unique to Bison

**Over 10,000**  
Installations

NEW: Long Safety Side Handles\*  
\*at extra cost

We also fit loft flooring, lighting and roof windows.  
All major credit cards accepted

**theloftstairscompany**

The Loft Stairs Company, Unit 60, Atcham Industrial Estate, Shrewsbury SY4 4UG  
Visit our website [www.theloftstairscompany.co.uk](http://www.theloftstairscompany.co.uk)  
Freephone 0800 389 1281  
or mobile friendly 01743 761499

**C&T DOORS & WINDOWS Ltd**

**SALE NOW ON**  
ALL AREAS COVERED...

**Unglazed/Glazed Upvc Doors from £349 FULLY FITTED**

1 2 3

3mtr x 3mtr EDWARDIAN CONSERVATORY from **£4500**

**NEW OFFER**  
French/Patio Doors FULLY FITTED from **£649**

**FULLY FITTED within 2 weeks For a service you can trust**

**MANY MORE DESIGNS AVAILABLE**

- New Improved 10 Point Claw Lock
- Steel Reinforced

[www.candtdoorsandwindows.co.uk](http://www.candtdoorsandwindows.co.uk)  
Tel: **07759 536818** or **01902 842706**  
email: [enquiries@candtdoorsandwindows.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@candtdoorsandwindows.co.uk)

**Olde Queen's Head**

**Carvery**

EVERY DAY  
OF THE WEEK  
Mon-Fri 12pm-3pm  
Sat-Sun 12-6pm

Live Entertainment  
Every Saturday  
Free Function Room Available

**UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT**

**0121 5858228**  
Birmingham Street, Halesowen B63 3HN

## It's one of the biggest shows of the year.

Dirty Dancing – The Classic Story On Stage will head to Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre in November.

Since its Australian debut in 2004, it has become a worldwide phenomenon with productions staged in New Zealand, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, South Africa, Hong Kong, Singapore and throughout Europe, consistently breaking box office records.

Now a new production is making its way to the UK with performances at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Monday, November 28 to Saturday, December 3, 2016.

We caught up with five cast members to find out about the blockbuster show.

Lewis Griffiths (Johnny Castle), Katie Hartland (Baby), Carlie Milner (Penny), Federico Bellone (director) and Gillian Bruce (choreographer) talked us through the show.

### How do you go about turning Dirty Dancing into a stage version?

**Gillian Bruce:** There is a huge pressure! Everybody knows Dirty Dancing and what I've had to do is look at the ingredients of the movie and adapt it, in terms of styling, so that it works for the stage. Personally, I was very careful when it came to picking the cast. The look had to be right and the sexiness had to be right. I've actually

pushed this to be a little more 'dirty' than I think previous versions have been. I've taken that step further, without becoming vulgar! Choreographing the show is very difficult because it's all couple-work. At times the audience could find it difficult to know where to look as there's so much going on! I've tried hard to bring focus to the numbers and make the routines so that the audience can enjoy the entire thing and not be forced into having to pick what to look at.

### This is an entirely new production – a different design with new direction and choreography. How does it differ to previous stage versions?

**Federico Bellone:** We have a brand new set. We took a photo of the resort that was used in the movie and theatricalised it. The new design makes the show easier to fit into a variety of different theatres around the country and it will look great on any stage, big or small, it will work! I think it's better than ever before – we have three revolves on stage, spinning platforms, it will be quite spectacular. The design is much more intricate than before too. In terms of direction, we've picked up the pace. We don't rush through the show but it's very slick.

**Carlie Milner:** I was in the previous production and loved it but it's also nice to have a fresh take on things. The director gives you all the information and you absorb it all as a cast and it is fun to create a new vision. I've found things that I'd never thought of to do before, and with the extra visual elements of this particular set I think it's going to be a stunning production.

**Lewis,** what is it like stepping into Patrick Swayze's shoes?

**Lewis Griffiths:** Patrick Swayze's shoes are big ones to fill, I do feel that I'm in the shadow of Patrick Swayze and rightly so, I think

anyone who does this role would be. He made Johnny completely his own and I'm not trying to be Patrick Swayze. What you have to do is take the essence of what he brought to the film and make that applicable to your own abilities on stage.

### What has been the most exciting part of rehearsing Dirty Dancing?

**Katie Hartland:** I think for me what has been most exciting is taking the iconic film and recreating it, making it our own. It's inspiring to work with such a great team because I don't feel that I have half the dance experience that some of the cast have. Working alongside them has been great for me, developing technique with all the different dance styles in the show.

**Lewis Griffiths:** For me, the casting process was quite unbelievable – to think that I got through the rounds and landed the role of Johnny! I felt like I was at the bottom of a very large mountain with an incredibly tough climb ahead of me. Already, with the support of a great cast and creative team I'm halfway up there and when we all get to the top we're going to have one hell of a show! I'm honoured to be a part of it.

### Dirty Dancing sits happily in the middle of Musical Theatre and Drama – it isn't necessarily one or the other. How do you approach it?

**Federico Bellone:** It's very difficult because everyone who comes to see Dirty Dancing probably expects a musical, and a lot of people have said 'aren't Johnny and Baby supposed to sing?' I'll be honest and say that I originally thought the same when I saw the show in the West End in 2007. Then I met Eleanor Bergstein, the author, and she told me many reasons for why they shouldn't and we have to accept that she was perfectly right! I suppose it is a play, but there are plenty of musical numbers with a live band and musicians that give it the musical feel – so it should appeal

to people who like both genres. It has the pace and fun of a musical but it is a bit more like reality – they don't just burst into song, music, singing and dancing is only featured naturally as and when it would be in real life.

### Is there a certain level of fitness that a Dirty Dancing cast member needs to be to keep up?

**Carlie Milner:** As any performer would tell you, it's part of the job to stay fit, and also when you're between jobs it's good to turn up to auditions with a certain level of fitness. Your body gets used to the show, I guess it's the same as running three miles a day – eventually your body will just get used to it. It's then up to the individual performer to find their own exercise routines to maintain the energy needed to get you through the show. Cooling down properly is also really important!

### What are the most challenging parts of the show?

**Carlie Milner:** It's a very physical show, sometimes it feels like you're constantly dancing and you have to find it from somewhere to make sure you do everything correctly. My character Penny goes through a trauma so finding the right balance between portraying that honestly and making sure the audience follow the story you're telling through the ups and the downs.

**Lewis Griffiths:** I consider myself an actor first and foremost, and people tell me that I can dance but I'm in my comfort zone when I'm acting. The character of Johnny is in his comfort zone when he's dancing, he's so at one in a dance studio in his Cuban heels, leading and teaching, so I have to use my strengths as an actor to make my insecurities Johnny Castle's strengths!

By Andy Richardson



The stars stepping out at rehearsal



# Hometown date for Dexys old boy



Pete Williams, once of Dexys, is back in the Black Country

FORMER Dexys Midnight Runners bassist Pete Williams is back on home soil next week.

The Black Country-born musician, who founded Dexys with frontman Kevin Rowland, performs, with friends, at Halesowen Athletics and Cycling Club next Friday (August 19).

Imelda May said of the charismatic musician: "He tells terrific stories set to beautiful melodies and sung with passion, charisma and heartfelt honesty. He draws me in every time."

But she is not the only fan. The Reid twins, Charlie and Craig, aka The Proclaimers, personally invited Williams to support them on their 32 date 2015 UK tour.

"Pete is a storyteller in his songs," said the brothers. "We both thought See was the stand out album of 2012. The soulfulness that Pete brings to everything that he does is inspiring. He has the passion of a young writer, and the philosophical overview of a wise man."

Since then, Williams has performed on BBC Scotland's flagship music show The Quay Sessions and in April sold out Birmingham REP Studio theatre.

He now returns to one of his favourite Black Country venues to perform an intimate 'stripped back' semi-acoustic show featuring songs from both his critically acclaimed albums, 2012's See and Roughnecks and Roustabouts, which was released last year.

He will be joined in the unique setting by some very talented co-collaborators and musical friends.

Tickets are £10, available from the venue or at <http://petewilliamsmusic.com/live>

## Gabrielle's back on road and will Rise to occasion

HAVING recently completed a sell-out tour as special guest to Michael Bolton, soul star Gabrielle is looking forward to being back on the road to perform a greatest hits set later this year.

Her tour will call at Birmingham's Town Hall on November 2 - and Gabrielle can't wait.

"I am completely looking forward to it," she says. "I did the tour with Michael and he was great. We got to the end of the tour and for the first time in 20-odd years I was depressed. I always look forward to going back home but I'd had such a blast that I wanted to get back out there."

"So the management lined up the shows for November and we announced them straight away. You know, I have a 21-year-old and a 13-year-old so most of the time I'm home alone. They have a better social life than me."

Gabrielle's tour will be stripped back, up close and personal. Fans have already taken to Twitter to tell her what to play. "The audience on Twitter have been making suggestions of songs they'd like me to sing. It'll be a bit scary when I make that final decision."

Gabrielle's career got off to an incredible start in 1993 when she broke the record for the highest chart debut by a female with the single Dreams. It went in at two, before rising to number one. She quickly became Britain's most successful soul singer with subsequent hits Give Me A Little More Time, If You Ever, When A Woman, Sunshine and Out Of Reach, which she wrote for the film Bridget Jones' Diary.

"I'm completely looking forward to it."

### Songwriter's new single is released

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Ivor Novello-winning songwriter Scott Matthews has released a new single, The Lantern Flower, in advance of his forthcoming album, Home Pt II.

Matthews has formed his own record company this year, Shed Records, based in Wolverhampton. Fans can order copies of his new album from [www.pledgemusic.com](http://www.pledgemusic.com)

Matthews will release Home Pt II on September 19. The record finds him returning to the source, driven by what he describes as "a need to rekindle a relationship with the artist I was 10 years ago, but joining forces with the artist I am today."

### Tribute to Queen a kind of magic

THE sounds of Freddie Mercury and co blast out in Bilston tomorrow night (Friday) with Magic - A Kind Of Queen.

The tribute act, led by Roger Brown, performs all the band's greatest hits at the Robin 2, Mount Pleasant. The two-hour show recreates all the excitement of a live Queen concert. It kicks off at 8.45pm, with tickets at £15, or £1 extra on the door.

The following night, two of the UK's finest Reggae bands unite to bring Bilston's very own Reggae Sunsplash as the venue plays host to a UB40 and Bob Marley tribute.

Tickets are £15, or £16 on the door. Call 01902 401211.

### Auditions for Open Mic competition

AUDITIONS for Open Mic UK take place in the Second City on Saturday. Try-outs for the Open Mic Birmingham and the Birmingham Music Competition are being held at the NEC.

Future Music, responsible for discovering acts such as Birdy and Lucy Spraggan, are behind the contests.

They are looking for UK's best singer, duo, vocal group or rapper. The minimum age for Open Mic is 16 with auditions from 10am to 6pm and 18 for the Birmingham Music Competition, with auditions from 4.30-9pm. Go to: <http://www.openmicuk.co.uk/open-mic-birmingham> to enter

**Great Bar... Great Food...  
Knight's Quest  
Great Entertainment...**

**THUR 11/08/2016**  
STARMAKERS KARAOKE  
**FRI 12/08/2016**  
SEAN HAVEN PLUS DISCO  
**SAT 13/08/2016**  
BON JOVI TRIBUTE  
**SUN 14/08/2016**  
STARMAKERS KARAOKE

**MON 15/08/2016**  
BENS KARAOKE  
**TUES 16/08/2016**  
PREDATORS KARAOKE  
**WED 17/08/2016**  
TYLER JON  
**THUR 18/08/2016**  
STARMAKERS KARAOKE

**DAILY CARVERY**  
Only  
**£3.45**

We also serve  
**GREAT STEAK & GRILL DEALS**

**SUNDAY CARVERY**  
Only  
**£4.95**

Mon - Sat  
12 noon - 2.30pm  
Mon-Thurs  
6pm - 8pm  
Sunday  
12 Noon-5pm

**"It's Great Down the Pub!"**  
High Street, Blackheath  
**Tel: 0121 561 5599**  
MON-THURS : 12.00-2.30PM, 6-8PM | FRI-SAT 12.00-2.30PM  
Find us at [www.theknightsquest.co.uk](http://www.theknightsquest.co.uk)

We serve until 1am on Sundays, Midnight Monday-Wednesday, 1am Thursday, 2am Friday & Saturday DOORS CLOSE 11.00 pm Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun

**The PARK LANE TAVERN**

**Monday HALF PRICE NIGHT**  
off our main menu 5pm - 8pm to include steak and grills

**CARVERY SERVED ALL DAY EVERY DAY**  
Mon - Sat 12pm - 8pm, Sun 12 - 7pm

**KIDS EAT FREE ALL DAY**  
**EVERY DAY (with a paying adult)**  
**DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET STYLE**  
**Breakfast Only £4.45**  
HOT DRINKS AVAILABLE FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8.30AM - 11.00AM

**PARK LANE, COLLEY GATE, B63 2NT**  
**TELEPHONE: 01384 345824**

Follow us on Facebook & Trip Advisor  
**We now take bookings**



**CHOICE**



**Edinburgh Nights (BBC2, 9.30pm)**  
New series. Kirsty Wark introduces highlights from the city's annual arts and cultural festivals, including interviews with Angus Deayton and Richard Wilson, who talk about their long associations with Edinburgh and about resurrecting much-loved characters and sketches from the past. Plus, two special commissions which commemorate the centenary of the First World War, and Ian Rankin joins Kirsty on a tour of the Scottish Endarkenment exhibition.

**BBC1**

**6.00** Olympic Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Home Cooking Made Easy. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.45** Olympics 2016. Hazel Irvine introduces coverage on day eight of the Olympic Games in Rio, featuring various rowing finals at the Lagoa Stadium and athletics from the Olympic Stadium. **5.00** BBC News. **5.10** Regional Programme. **5.20** Olympics 2016. Hazel Irvine presents further coverage of day eight of the Olympic Games in Rio. **7.00** Olympics 2016. Clare Balding introduces the latest coverage on day eight of the Olympic Games, with the focus solely on the Rio Olympic Velodrome for various track cycling events. The first of the men's sprint quarter-finals takes place at 20.00, with the 9th-12th classification race at 20.18. The second round of the women's keirin gets under way at 21.22, with the second of the men's sprint quarter-finals at 20.34. The women's team pursuit final then begins at 20.53, with the Team GB squad of Laura Trott, Joanna Rowsell-Stand, Elinor Barker, Katie Archibald and Clara Horne hoping to retain their crown from London four years ago. The 7th-12th classification race in the women's keirin begins at 21.27, with the final following at 21.33, and the action is completed with the men's sprint semi-finals at 21.41 and 21.59. **10.10** BBC News: Weather. **10.30** Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the opening Premier League matches, including Hull City v Leicester City at KCOM Stadium, and Manchester City v Sunderland at Etihad Stadium. Champions Leicester will be aiming to start the new campaign in a similar fashion to last season, and were expected to record a victory over the newly-promoted Tigers; National Lottery Update. **11.55** Olympics 2016. Jason Mohammad presents further coverage on day eight of the Olympics, with Greg Rutherford, Jessica Ennis-Hill and Mo Farah aiming to repeat their 'Super Saturday' heroics of 2012. **4.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **4.05** BBC News.

**BBC2**

**6.10** Film: Two Tickets to Broadway. (1951) **7.50** Film: The 39 Steps. (1935) **9.15** Olympics: Rio Highlights 2016. Highlights of the seventh day of the Olympics. **12.45** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.45** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.15** Full Steam Ahead. (R) **6.15** Dad's Army. (R) **6.50** Proms Extra 2016. Katie Derham presents live from the Royal Albert Hall, where she aims to warm the audience up for tonight's performance – a Gershwin Gala featuring the John Wilson Orchestra. She also revisits recent highlights from the Proms, including Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto and Holst's Planets, while David Owen Norris returns with Chord of the Week. **7.30** BBC Proms 2016. Katie Derham presents as-live from the Royal Albert Hall as conductor John Wilson and his orchestra celebrate the music of George and Ira Gershwin, the American songwriting duo created some of the most memorable songs to hit Broadway in the 20th century. Singers Julian Ovenden, Louise Dearman and Matthew Ford are on hand to accompany the John Wilson Orchestra as they perform popular Gershwin tunes such as Fascinating Rhythm. They All Laughed and many more, and the ensemble's musicians showcase their skill in orchestral numbers including An American in Paris, and a Rhapsody in Blue Overture. **9.30** Edinburgh Nights. New series. Kirsty Wark introduces highlights from the city's annual arts and cultural festivals, including interviews with Angus Deayton. **10.00** The National Lottery Live. Including the Lotto and Thunderball draws. Plus, a catch-up with Team GB medal-winners at the Rio Olympics. Presented by Kate Garraway. **10.10** Olympics 2016. Clare Balding presents coverage of the eighth day of competition at the Olympic Games, with men's sprint cycling and Great Britain v USA in women's hockey taking centre stage. **11.55** Versailles. (R) Inside Versailles. **12.55** Film: The Kid with a Bike. (2011) **2.20** Film: Treacle Jr. (2010) **3.35** This Is BBC Two.

**ITV**

**6.00** CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.35** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.00** NinjaGo: Rise of the Snakes. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** Film: Columbo: Forgotten Lady. (1975) **1.25** ITV News: Weather. **1.30** Daily Animal Reunions. (R) **2.30** Doc Martin. (R) **3.30** River Monsters. (R) **4.00** Film: The Mummy. (1999) Fantasy action adventure. **6.15** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.30** ITV News: Weather. **6.45** You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring a tiny archaeologist who digs up more than anyone bargained for, and an eating competition. **7.15** Catchphrase. Amanda Tollan, Manish Mehta and Charlotte Myers set out to prove they can "see it and say it" as Stephen Mulhern challenges them to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win £50,000. **8.00** The Nation's Favourite 80s Number One. A look at the 1980s – a defining decade in both pop and fashion. Featuring interviews with Spandau Ballet, Bonnie Tyler and Madness, plus a look at the stories behind chart classics such as Don't You Want Me, Tainted Love, Billie Jean and Come On Eileen. Zoe Ball narrates. (R) **9.30** Film: The Bourne Identity. (2002) A fishing boat crew plucks a man out of the sea with two bullet wounds in his back and a safe-deposit number sewn into his skin – but absolutely no memory of who he is or how he got there. In the search for his true identity, he is pursued by assassins – but his skill at evading them suggests his own past is far from straightforward. Thriller, starring Matt Damon. **11.00** ITV News: Weather. **11.15** Film: The Bourne Identity. (2002) Concludes. **12.00** Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

**CHANNEL 4**

**6.15** Shipping Wars. (R) **6.40** Gillette World Sport. **7.05** Army Road Races. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newbury, Newmarket and Ripon. **4.30** Couples Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** Couples Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** Channel 4 News. **6.20** Film: Men in Black II. (2002) Agent J investigates the unauthorised landing of a spacecraft and discovers a malevolent alien disguised as a lingerie model is on the verge of destroying humanity. His only hope of stopping her diabolical plot is to restore the memory of his retired partner K – but his former mentor takes more than a little convincing. Sci-fi comedy sequel, directed by Barry Sonnenfeld, starring Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones, Rosario Dawson, Lara Flynn Boyle, Johnny Knoxville, Rip Torn and Tony Shalhoub. **8.00** Film: Rise of the Planet of the Apes. (2011) A scientist carries out genetic experiments on apes, hoping to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease. A chimpanzee used in the tests develops superior intelligence and becomes outraged at the human race's cruel treatment of his kind, forming his fellow primates into an army to overthrow mankind. Sci-fi thriller, starring James Franco, Freida Pinto and Andy Serkis. **10.00** Film: Gladiator. (2000) A Roman general is forced to fight as a gladiator and uses his position to seek revenge for the murder of his family. Oscar-winning epic, with Russell Crowe and Joaquin Phoenix. **12.55** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. The Greek at the Harbour restaurant in California. (R) **1.50** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Joe finds suspicious texts on Mercedes' phone. (R) **3.55** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **4.15** Phil: Secret Agent Down Under. Ravi and Kiran Munde search for a home in Perth, Australia. (R) **5.10** Location, Location, Location. Two couples hoping to relocate to Surrey. (R)

**CHANNEL 5**

**6.00** Milkshake! **8.25** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **9.00** The Saturday Show Live. **11.00** Funniest Fails, Fails & Flops. **11.25** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **12.20** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **1.15** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **2.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **3.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **4.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **5.10** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **6.05** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. In East London, High Court Enforcement Agents Paul and Phil are involved in a brothel eviction, while in south Wales, Stewart and Elmore chase a debt owed by a working mum. (R) **6.55** 5 News Weekend. **7.00** Cricket on 5. England v Pakistan. Mark Nicholas presents action from day three of the Fourth Test in the four-match series, which took place at The Oval. With commentary and analysis from Geoffrey Boycott, Michael Vaughan and Simon Hughes. **8.00** Criminally Funny: Caught in the Act. Zoe Lyons, Matt Richardson and Dave Spiky introduce a selection of humorous clips capturing the law being broken, including footage of a kleptomaniac cat. Narrated by Iain Lee. (R) **9.00** Football on 5: The Championship. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Aston Villa v Rotherham United and Norwich City v Sheffield Wednesday. **10.00** Football on 5: Goal Rush. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two. **10.30** Celebrity Big Brother. Marcus Bentley narrates as the famous housemates lie in their beds, chat on the sofas and argue in the kitchen – all for the enjoyment of the viewing public. **11.30** Impractical Jokers UK. The Jokers head to a shopping centre to describe their missing wife to the public and compete to claim high-fives from complete strangers on the street. (R) **12.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **4.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **4.50** Divine Designs. (R)

**DIGITAL**

**BBC Four**  
**1.00** Olympics 2016 **2.00** Britain on Film: Country Living **3.00** Sounds of the Sixties **3.00** The Joy of Disco **4.00** Close **ITV2**  
**11.45** Ninja Warrior UK **12.45** Catchphrase **1.35** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! **2.35** Film: The Smurfs (2011) **3.35** FYI Daily **3.40** Film: The Smurfs (2011) **4.40** The X Factor: Top 10 Best Auditions **5.45** Film: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **6.45** FYI Daily **6.50** Film: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **9.00** Film: The Matrix Revolutions (2003) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: The Matrix Revolutions (2003) **11.25** Family Guy **12.55** American Dad! **1.55** The Cleveland Show **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen **ITV3**  
**12.50** Film: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) **1.55** FYI Daily **2.00** Film: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) **2.45** Lewis **4.45** Foyle's War **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Lewis **10.00** Touch of Frost **12.05** Inspector Morse **2.10** ITV4 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping **ITV4**  
**11.35** British Superbike Championship Highlights **12.35** Silverstone Classic **1.40** Film: Captain Newman MD (1964) **2.40** FYI Daily **2.45** Film: Captain Newman MD (1964) **4.15** Film: Dunkirk (1958) **5.25** FYI Daily **5.30** Film: Dunkirk (1958) **7.00** Mr Bean **8.00** Film: Cannonball Run II (1984) **9.05** FYI Daily **9.10** Film: Cannonball Run II (1984) **10.15** Film: Lock Up (1989) **11.20** FYI Daily **11.25** Film: Lock Up (1989) **12.25** Film: 30 Days of Night (2007) **1.30** FYI Daily **1.35** Film: 30 Days of Night (2007) **2.40** Movies Now **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **E4**  
**12.00** Made in Chelsea: South of France **1.00** New Girl **1.30** The Goldbros **3.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.25** Film: Step Up (2006) **6.35** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: X-Men Origins: Wolverine (1996) **11.05** Gogglebox **12.10** Rude Tube **1.20** First Dates **2.20** Broke Girls **3.00** Gogglebox **3.55** How I Met Your Mother **4.35** The Mindy Project **5.20** Revenge **Film4**  
**11.00** Bugsy Malone (1976) **1.00** Inspector Gadget (1999) **2.40** Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (2011) **4.30** Mission: Impossible (1996) **6.40** Mission: Impossible 2 (2000) **9.00** The Sweeney (2012) **11.15** Die Hard 2 (1990) **1.35** 12 Rounds (2009) **3.50** Close

**StarReaderTravel**  
Hand picked holidays with you in mind

Return coach travel from Dudley, Halesowen and Stourbridge

**Your Chronicle**  
in association with  
**Omega**  
ABTA  
The Travel Association

**CHRISTMAS MARKETS & FESTIVE BREAKS BY COACH**

It may seem a bit odd to be thinking about the 2016 festive season, but at Omega we know our customers like to plan ahead. A pre-Christmas weekend away is an increasingly popular treat, and we have put together a series of 2-day coach breaks to a whole host of enticing destinations in late November and December.



**2 days, by coach**  
**ONLY £99.95pp**  
**Pre-book an evening meal for just £15pp\***

\*Please note: evening meal is not available on Winter Wonderland break.



**London's Winter Wonderland**  
Saturday departures,  
19 November and 3 & 17 December 2016

London's Hyde Park transforms this November and December into a dazzling spectacle of sparkle, with 200+ Christmas Market stalls, ice rink, ice kingdom, circuses, Big Wheel, and even a cocktail bar made of ice.

**Price Includes...**  
✓ Overnight stay at a 3 or 4 star hotel within 20 miles of central London with full English breakfast  
✓ Return transfer from hotel to Hyde Park  
✓ Free time in London on Sunday

**Quote Code: FGH092** **View product online at**  
[www.omega-holidays.com/FGH092](http://www.omega-holidays.com/FGH092)  
Single room supplement £30pp. Subject to availability.



**York St Nicholas Christmas Fayre & Castle Howard Saver**  
Departing Saturday 26 November 2016

**Price Includes...**  
✓ Overnight stay at a 3 or 4 star Yorkshire area hotel with 3-course dinner and full English breakfast  
✓ A visit to Castle Howard, including admission (value £17.50)  
✓ A visit to York St Nicholas Christmas Fayre  
Single room supplement £25pp. Subject to availability.



**Bath Christmas Market & Blenheim Palace Saver**  
Departing Saturday 3 December 2016

Two firm favourites in one festive feast of a weekend! Blenheim Palace wearing its sparkly Christmas mantle, and the magnificent city of Bath all decked out in full seasonal glory.

**Price Includes...**  
✓ Overnight stay at a 3 or 4 star Reading/Wiltshire area hotel with full English breakfast  
✓ Visit, with admission, to Blenheim Palace  
✓ Visit to Bath Christmas Market

**View product online at**  
[www.omega-holidays.com/WQV854](http://www.omega-holidays.com/WQV854)  
Single room supplement £25pp. Subject to availability.

**Quote Code: RJP545**  
**Lincoln Christmas Market and Chatsworth House Saver**

Departing Saturday 3 December 2016  
Bag a bargain break to historic Lincoln, UK pioneer of the legendary German Christmas Market, plus a chance to see Chatsworth in festive finery.

**Price Includes...**  
✓ Overnight stay at a 3 or 4 star Yorkshire or East Midlands area hotel with full English breakfast  
✓ Visit to Chatsworth House and gardens, with admission (value £20)  
✓ Visit to Lincoln Christmas Market

**View product online at**  
[www.omega-holidays.com/RJP545](http://www.omega-holidays.com/RJP545)  
Single room supplement £25pp Subject to availability.

**Quote Code: XDH300**  
**Grassington Dickensian Festival & Manchester's Christmas Markets Saver**

Departing Saturday 3 December 2016  
Get your comfy shoes on for this festive duet of a Yorkshire town turned temporarily Victorian, and the up-to-the-minute appeal of Manchester city centre and its chalet-style European Christmas markets.

**Price Includes...**  
✓ Overnight stay at a 3 or 4 star North West area hotel with full English breakfast  
✓ Visit to Grassington Dickensian Festival  
✓ Visit to Manchester's Christmas markets

**View product online at**  
[www.omega-holidays.com/XDH300](http://www.omega-holidays.com/XDH300)  
Single room supplement £25pp Subject to availability.

For more information or to book, please call: **01902 519414**

OPENING TIMES: MON-FRI 8.30-19.00  
SAT 8.30-16.00 SUN 10.00-16.00  
Organised by Omega Holidays plc, ABTA V4782.

OmegaHols @OmegaHols OmegaHols



CHOICE



Arthur Williams

**Flying to the Ends of the Earth (Channel 4, 7pm)**  
Arthur Williams makes a journey by air across Peru, passing through deserts, mountains and jungles. He investigates new theories concerning the origins of the Nazca lines, 2000-year-old lines etched into the desert sands that some believe were created by aliens, but may actually be a map showing the location of underground water sources. He makes a risky landing in a canyon to explore a gold mine and visits a community of floating houses designed to survive the dramatic rise and fall of the Amazon. Last in the series.

BBC1

**6.00 Olympic Breakfast. 7.35 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 BBC News. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 12.00 Bargain Hunt. (R) 12.45 BBC News: Weather. 1.00 Olympics 2016. Hazel Irvine introduces action from day nine of the Olympic Games, featuring live coverage of the women's marathon at Sambodromo and boxing highlights from Rio Centro. 5.00 BBC News. 5.20 Regional Programme. 5.30 Countryfile. 6.30 Olympics 2016. Clare Balding presents the latest live coverage on day nine of the Olympic Games. The Rio Olympic Arena is the focus of attention to begin with, as three artistic gymnastics finals take place, starting with the women's vault at 18.46. The men's pommel horse final follows at 19.33, with world champion Max Whitlock and 2012 silver medalist Louis Smith representing Team GB, and the women's uneven bars final completes proceedings at 20.20. The action then moves to the Rio Olympic Velodrome for various track cycling events, starting with women's sprint time-trial qualifying at 20.00. The men's omnium scratch race follows at 20.40, with Mark Cavendish looking for the Olympic medal that has so far eluded him. The men's sprint continues with the bronze-medal and final first races at 21.04, before the women's sprint bronze-medal and final second races at 21.42 and men's omnium individual pursuit at 21.50. 10.00 BBC News. 10.20 Regional Programme. 10.30 Match of the Day 2. Manish Basin presents action from the latest Premier League matches, which were Bournemouth v Manchester United at Vitality Stadium and Arsenal v Liverpool at Emirates Stadium. 11.25 Olympics 2016. Clare Balding presents further live coverage on day nine, focusing on track cycling at the Rio Olympic Velodrome, with the closing stages of the men's omnium elimination race. 12.00 Olympics 2016. Jason McMahon introduces further coverage on day nine of the Games, featuring the flagship event of the athletics schedule – the men's 100m final – as well as the men's 400m final. 3.00 Weather for the Week Ahead. 3.05 BBC News.**

BBC2

**6.15 Gardeners' World. (R) 6.45 Countryfile. (R) 7.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. (R) 9.15 Olympics: Rio Highlights 2016. Action from day eight of the Games in Rio. 1.00 Film: The Prisoner of Zenda. (1952) Adventure, starring Stewart Granger. 2.40 Flog It! (R) 3.25 Highlands: Scotland's Wild Heart. (R) 4.25 Songs of Praise. 5.00 Olympics 2016. Featuring sailing and artistic gymnastics. 6.30 Film: Megamind. (2010) An evil genius finally succeeds in killing the superhero who has foiled his every evil scheme, but finds life without an enemy boring. To fill the gap in his life, he transforms an ordinary man into a worthy adversary – but when his creation turns evil, it falls to the villain to save the world. Animated comedy, with the voices of Will Ferrell, Tina Fey and Brad Pitt. 8.00 Robot Wars. Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present more battles in the arena. A team of engineering students has created a robot that is able to move easily in any direction, which they send into battle against a group of holiday camp staff and a father and son duo whose machine is equipped with huge piercing claws. 9.00 Dragons' Den. Evan Davis presents the show as more entrepreneurs try to impress the panel. Peter Jones, Deborah Meaden, Touker Suleyman, Sarah Willingham and Nick Jenkins cast their eyes over an innovative tool and a portable water-saving device. However, a restaurateur struggles to get across the details of his business plan. 10.00 Olympics 2016. Clare Balding and Mark Chapman introduce the latest from day nine of the Games in Rio, including live track cycling coverage and a round-up of the day's action so far. 11.25 Film: Mister John. (2013) Premiere. A man coping with a failing marriage goes to Singapore and is tempted to make a fresh start by assuming his dead brother's identity. Drama, starring Aidan Gillen. 12.55 Sign Zone: Countryfile. Anita Rani reports from the Scottish island of Kerrera. (R) 1.50 Holly City. Bernie faces an ethical dilemma when her wayward son arrives at the hospital. (R) 2.50 This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two.**

ITV

**6.00 CITY: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 6.55 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 7.00 Sooty. (R) 7.15 Super 4. (R) 7.35 Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) 8.00 Ninjago: Rise of the Snakes. (R) 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.25 Film: Columbus: Now You See Him. (1976) 1.15 ITV News: Weather. 1.25 Long Lost Family. (R) 2.25 The Chase. (R) 3.25 Film: Peter Pan. (2003) Fantasy adventure, with Jeremy Sumpter and Rachel Hurd-Wood. 5.30 Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh. (R) 6.30 Regional Programme: Weather. 6.45 ITV News: Weather. 7.00 The Zoo. Documentary following life at London Zoo and Whipsnade, focusing on the breeding of critically endangered animals. This edition follows the journey of three Sumatran tiger cubs from the moment they are born to the last time they can be safely handled by keepers and vets, and revisits Flora the pygmy hippo as she continues to receive life-saving treatment for cancer. Plus, head of birds Adrian Walls and the team finally manage to breed their first-ever Humboldt penguin chick, which is soon joined by six more babies. Narrated by Sarah Lancashire. (R) 8.00 Midsomer Murders. Forest ranger Felicity Ward is blinded by mysterious lights while driving at night in the village of Cooper Hill and the next morning her car is found abandoned at the roadside, followed closely by the discovery of her body. Visiting UFO spotters in the village are convinced aliens are responsible, but as Barnaby and Nelson try to get to the truth, they unearth suspicions, betrayals and long-buried secrets along the way. Michelle Collins, Steve Evets, Alison Steadman, Steve Oram and Pip Torrens guest star. (R) 10.00 ITV News: Weather. 10.15 Slow Train Through Africa with Griff Rhys Jones. The comedian attempts to zigzag his way 1,200 miles through Kenya and Tanzania, beginning this leg of his journey on a vintage steam locomotive designed in Glasgow. (R) 11.15 Tipping Point. (R) 12.15 Jackpot247. 3.00 Motorsport UK. 3.50 British Superbike Championship Highlights. 4.40 ITV Nightscreen.**

CHANNEL 4

**6.05 London Triathlon. 7.00 Motor Sport: British GT. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 The Simpsons: Bart Day. (R) 1.00 The Simpsons: Bart Day. (R) 1.30 The Simpsons: Bart Day. (R) 2.30 The Simpsons: Bart Day. (R) 3.00 The Simpsons: Bart Day. (R) 3.30 The Simpsons: Bart Day. (R) 4.00 The Simpsons: Bart Day. (R) 4.30 Location, Location, Location. (R) 5.30 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) 6.30 Channel 4 News. 7.00 Flying to the Ends of the Earth. Arthur Williams makes a journey across Peru, passing through deserts, mountains and jungles and investigating the origin of the famous 2000-year-old Nazca lines. Last in the series. 8.00 Film: Captain America: The First Avenger. (2011) Premiere. A puny but brave volunteer is rejected for military service during the Second World War. He becomes the test subject for an experiment that transforms him into the ultimate soldier, and battles against a secret Nazi society plotting to harness the powers of a mystical artefact. Superhero adventure, with Chris Evans, Hugo Weaving, Hayley Atwell and Tommy Lee Jones. Edited for language and violence. 10.30 Film: Cuban Fury. (2014) A boy's dream of being a champion salsa dancer is shattered by bullies. Twenty years later, he returns to the dance floor as an overweight and under-confident adult, and tries to get his old footwork back in a bid to sweep his boss off her feet. Comedy, starring Nick Frost, Chris O'Dowd, Rashida Jones, Ian McShane and Olivia Colman. 12.15 Ramsay's Hotel Hell. Gordon Ramsay visits the Beachfront Inn and motel in Florida, whose inexperienced owner is making guests' time miserable with dusty rooms, late-night concerts and poor service. (R) 1.05 Friday Night Dinner. (R) 1.35 Walking the Himalayas. Leslison Wood joins pilgrims on their way to India's holiest city. (R) 2.30 Location, Location, Location. Two couples search for homes in Hertfordshire. (R) 3.25 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.50 Draw It! (R)**

CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) 6.15 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 6.30 Bob the Builder. (R) 6.40 Wanda and the Alien. (R) 6.50 Zack and Quack. (R) 7.05 Pets. (R) 7.10 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.20 Paw Patrol. 7.35 Little Princess. (R) 7.50 Pip Ahoy! (R) 8.10 Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) 8.35 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 8.50 Shimmer and Shine. 9.15 Jelly Jamm. (R) 9.30 LazyTown. (R) 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) 10.30 Football on 5: The Championship. (R) 11.25 Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) 12.00 Now That's Funny! (R) 1.00 Film: WarGames. (1983) A teenager hacks into a top-secret military supercomputer, unwittingly pushing the world to the brink of nuclear war. Thriller, with Matthew Broderick, Ally Sheedy and John Wood. Edited for language and flashing images. 3.10 Film: The Time Machine. (2002) Sci-fi adventure, starring Guy Pearce. 5.00 Film: Planet of the Apes. (2001) Sci-fi adventure remake, starring Mark Wahlberg. 7.00 Cricket on 5: England v Pakistan. Mark Nicholas presents action from day four of the Fourth Test in the four-match series, which took place at The Oval. With commentary and analysis from Geoffrey Boycott, Michael Vaughan and Simon Hughes. 8.00 Monkeys Make You Laugh Out Loud. Compilation of internet videos featuring monkeys doing bizarre and humorous things. 8.55 5 News Weekend. 9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. A chance to catch up with the latest events inside the BB bungalow as the celebrities cope with living under constant surveillance, with all the arguments and alliances, as well as the revelations in the diary room. 10.00 Film: Pulp Fiction. (1994) A series of interlinked stories about the Los Angeles underworld. Quentin Tarantino's crime drama, starring John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson, Uma Thurman and Bruce Willis. 1.00 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 3.10 Mascara Boys: Sex Me Up. Men obsessed with how they look and determined to turn themselves into the perfect specimen, either through the use of make-up or by going under the knife. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. (R)**

DIGITAL

**BBC Four**  
1.00 Olympics 2016 2.00 Britain on Film: End of Empire 2.30 Sounds of the Sixties 3.00 The Pendle Witch Child 4.00 Close ITV2  
11.45 The X Factor: Top 10 Best Auditions 12.45 Take Me Out 1.55 Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) 2.55 FYI Daily 3.00 Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) 3.40 The X Factor: Top 10 Worst Auditions 4.45 Film: The Smurfs 2 (2013) 5.50 FYI Daily 5.55 Film: The Smurfs 2 (2013) 6.55 Film: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) 7.55 FYI Daily 8.00 Film: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) 10.00 Family Guy 11.30 American Dad! 12.30 Bordertown 12.55 The Cleveland Show 1.50 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.15 Teleshopping 5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen  
ITV3  
12.20 A Touch of Frost 2.25 Wycliffe 3.40 Film: The Railway Children (1970) 4.40 FYI Daily 4.45 Film: The Railway Children (1970) 5.55 Doc Martin 8.00 Royal Stars 9.00 Million Dollar Princesses 10.00 Film: Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007) 11.00 FYI Daily 11.05 Film: Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007) 12.20 Wire in the Blood 3.05 May the Best House Win 4.50 Rising Damp 5.40 ITV3 Nightscreen  
ITV4  
11.00 Live British Touring Car Championship. Round seven from Knockhill. 6.15 BROC Formula 1 Championship Highlights 7.15 Football Rivalries 7.30 Prawn Stars 8.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special 9.00 Film: The Deer Hunter (1978) 10.05 FYI Daily 10.10 Film: The Deer Hunter (1978) 12.40 Film: Mars Attacks! (1996) 1.40 FYI Daily 1.45 Film: Mars Attacks! (1996) 2.55 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping  
E4  
12.00 Coach Trip: Road to Ibiza 2.35 The Goldbergs 4.30 Film: Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) 6.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Aliens (1986) 12.05 Tattoo Fixers on Holiday 1.10 Gogglebox 2.00 Containment 2.50 Angie Tribeca 3.10 New Girl 3.30 Hollyoaks  
Film4  
11.00 Porridge (1979) 1.00 Rango (2011) 3.10 The House of Magic (2013) 4.50 Mirror Mirror (2012) 6.55 The Tourist (2010) 9.00 This Is England (2006) 11.05 Savages (2012) 1.40 The Enigma of Kaspar Hauser (1974) 3.55 Close

# YOU CAN BUY THESE SUITES NOW IN OUR STORE!

Just £399

Just £599

## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

ITALIAN LEATHER SUITES £299 EACH  
SOFT COVER SUITES £150 TO £350  
3 SEATER 2 SEATER RECLINER SETS £375  
PLENTY OF ODDMENT SOFAS  
VERY CHEAP TO CLEAR

## TRADE FURNITURE

UNIT 12 PEARTREE LANE, DUDLEY. DY2 0QU  
TEL: 01384 484077  
OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK 10-3PM  
ESTABLISHED OVER 25 YEARS

PEARTREE LANE

DUDLEY STORE

PEDMORE RD.

AtoZ ref 94 3C

HURST LANE

MERRY HILL CENTRE

ONLY £219.99

ONLY £329.99

ONLY £439.99

FROM £379.99

FROM ONLY £219.99

FROM ONLY £359.99

FROM ONLY £159.99

FROM ONLY £159.99

FROM ONLY £139.99

FROM ONLY £99.99

FROM ONLY £129.99

### A HUGE RANGE OF INTEGRATED APPLIANCES AVAILABLE

FROM ONLY £199.99

FROM ONLY £159.99

FROM ONLY £219.99

FROM ONLY £79.99

FROM ONLY £129.99

# BORSHCH

Gas & Electrical Superstore

OTHER BRANCHES IN

Birmingham  
Upper Trinity Street  
Birmingham B9 4EG  
0121 773 6361

Walsall  
Unit 17-19  
Victorian Arcade WSI IRE  
01922 279927

Erdington  
1-41 Sutton Road  
Erdington B23 6QH  
0121 448 0202

Extended guarantee available • At least 12 months guarantee • Local delivery & installation • Sirius Retailer of the Year 2012

www.borshchelectric.co.uk

Dudley  
Pear Tree Lane  
Dudley DY2 0QU  
01384 571 879

FREE DELIVERY OVER £150 WITH THIS VOUCHER  
Expires 21st August 2016

Monday - Saturday 9.30am - 6.00pm  
Sunday 10am - 4pm

MasterCard VISA



## FILM CHOICES

### MONDAY

**Millionaire Mystery: The Ultimate Gift, Channel 5, 3.10pm**

A man has to complete a series of odd tasks set by billionaire grandfather in order to receive his inheritance from his billionaire grandfather, with no idea the challenges will change his life completely. Family drama, starring James Garner and Drew Fuller. (2006)

### TUESDAY

**Buried Secrets, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

Former cop Sarah Winters publishes her first novel, and finds herself on the wrong side of the law when her book's plot seems to mirror an all-too-real murder case. Thriller, starring Sarah Carter. (2014)

### WEDNESDAY

**Killer Instinct: From the Files of Candice DeLong, Channel 5, 3.20pm**

An FBI agent retires after 15 gruelling years to pursue a career in nursing. She is drawn back to the bureau after her best friend is raped by a man responsible for a series of murders. However, as she investigates the case, she and her son end up being stalked by the killer. Fact-based crime drama, starring Jean Smart and A Martinez. (2003)



Burke & Hare, Friday, BBC2, 11.10pm

### THURSDAY

**Survive the Serengeti: Against the Wild 2, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

When their plane crash-lands in the African bush, two bickering siblings find themselves forced to rely on their wits – and their courageous dog – to help them conquer their fears and survive. Adventure, starring Jeri Ryan, John Paul Ruttan and Ella Ballentine. (2016)

### FRIDAY

**Burke & Hare, BBC2, 11.10pm**

Two Irishmen in 19th-century Edinburgh have to dispose of a dead lodger, and learn a doctor pays well for cadavers to use in his anatomy lectures. Seeing a chance to get rich, they soon progress from grave robbing to murder in a bid to keep their benefactor in fresh corpses. Comedy horror, starring Simon Pegg, Andy Serkis and Jessica Hynes. (2010)

# Famous faces put their knowledge to the test

In 2004, Channel 4 brought together a number of British celebs for the first ever Big Fat Quiz. The show featured comic Jimmy Carr as host and three teams made of two panelists each.

Carr asked the teams questions pertaining to events that had happened that past year.

The show was a massive success, which ensured that it would soon be a yearly thing.

Over the years, though, the programme has reached levels of both legend and infamy.

In 2006, during his heyday as the enfant terrible of British comedy, Russell Brand teamed up with The Mighty Boosh's Noel Fielding.

The two oddballs called themselves The Goth Detectives and began the tradition of purposely writing surreal and ridiculous answers in an effort to amuse the audience as opposed to trying to win the game.

This even led to the pair eventually performing a Goth Detectives-themed show for the Teenage Cancer Trust event at the Royal Albert Hall in 2007.

This tongue-in-cheek spirit has continued throughout the years and not only led to funny moments, but also a bit of controversy.

Back in 2012, James Corden made headlines when he and his League of Their Own pal Jack Whitehall got slightly inebriated on the programme, and even had pizza delivered, washing it down with red wine.

At one point, it seemed the two drunk comics were hellbent on making the most randy and puerile jokes imaginable.

In addition to the annual year-end shows, Channel Four has also produced some specials.

Timed to coincide with the run-up to the broadcaster's 30th-birthday celebrations in 2012, three episodes were broadcast, each focusing on an entire decade: the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s.

In the past few years, the show seems to have calmed down somewhat, which might explain why they brought on a rampaging dinosaur and let The Great British Baking Show co-host Mel Giedroyc spark a

food fight during last year's The Big Fat Quiz of Everything.

Still, the show is a winner and for an hour and a half provides us viewers with a large slice of escapism and madness.

The fact that it probably takes two to three times as long to shoot and the comics go stir-crazy after being held for hours in the same studio perhaps contributes to this.

This evening, in the first of three editions, Carr once again is the in charge of three teams who answer questions about everything from the last 100,000 years of human history.

Although to keep things slightly more manageable, the quiz is split into categories such as art, literature, television, music, geography, politics, science and celebrity.

Tonight's teams time are Jonathan Ross and Mel Giedroyc, Kristen Schaal and David Mitchell, and Bob Mortimer and Claudia Winkleman.

Viewers can also expect a few special guests, including Jon Snow and Joey Essex as well as some other unexpected visitors.



The Big Fat Quiz of Everything, Monday, Channel 4, 9pm

## BEST OF THE REST

### MONDAY

**Wild France with Ray Mears ITV, 8pm**

Ray travels to the west of Brittany to explore the rugged coastline and heading out by boat to its nearby islands. On his journey, he has a close encounter with bottlenose dolphins when they swim up to the vessel and also visits a seal colony and meets seaweed fishermen before heading back to shore. By the rocks, he discovers peregrines that have built their nest dangerously close to land, while Ray heads down to the beach to look for shellfish with a local expert and learns about Brittany's high tides. Last in the series.

**Kate Humble: My Sheepdog and Me BBC2, 9pm**

The broadcaster sets out to breed Welsh sheepdog puppies from her beloved pet Teg, learns about the threat facing British herding dogs and tries to train Teg to work in the traditional Welsh way. Along the way, Kate meets a team at the University of Aberystwyth whose groundbreaking DNA research reveals some remarkable facts about the breed, and if Teg can produce a litter of healthy puppies, it would play a big part in helping one of Britain's unique herding dogs survive for generations to come.

### TUESDAY

**Heroes of Helmand: The British Army's Great Escape Channel 4, 9pm**

Documentary revealing how a company of British soldiers fought under siege in 2006 for more than 50 days in a remote Afghanistan town. Trapped in a small compound, outgunned, outnumbered, and at the mercy of the Taliban, the fight to hold Musa Quala became one of the most important last stands in UK history – a quarter of all the ammunition used by the British Army in Helmand for the whole of 2006 was fired in less than two months. Ex-soldiers tell their story and share the footage they captured.

### WEDNESDAY

**Olympics 2016 BBC1, 1.45pm**  
Hazel Irvine presents the latest live coverage on day 12 of the Games in Rio. Defending champion Mo Farah features in the men's 5,000m heats at the Olympic Stadium from 14.05, looking to



Celeb Trolls: We're Coming to Get You, Thursday, Channel 5, 10pm

### THURSDAY

**Celeb Trolls: We're Coming to Get You Channel 5, 10pm**

Since finding fame as one of the Saturdays, singer Frankie Bridge has been on the receiving end of hurtful online harassment. Now, she's meeting some of the other people who have also fallen victim to trolls, including Chris Maloney, who received death threats following his appearances on The X Factor, and Nicola Brookes, who

has spent five years dealing with appalling images and allegations, all because of one tame online comment. Perhaps most shockingly of all, Denise Fergus, the mother of murdered toddler James Bulger, reveals how cruel individuals regularly taunt her about her family's loss. However, Frankie is fighting back with the help of a team of Troll Trackers, who hope to identify some of the people behind this anonymous abuse and hold them accountable for their actions.

### FRIDAY

**Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year Channel 4, 8pm**

This year's competition has featured everything from a Star Wars theme, real-life crocodiles, hydraulics and Viking hideouts, to 360-degree rotating floors, nuclear bunkers, sheds on wheels and entire shed villages. There was a record 2,825 entries into the competition and tonight sees the conclusion, as George Clarke and his fellow judges choose one shed from all the category winners to crown overall winner. But before that, they consider the sheds in the Budget category. To prove a good shed doesn't have to be extravagant or expensive, this selection includes a colourful beach house built for just £20, and the Cabins and Summerhouses which features a classic van and a dream structure in an allotment.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT  
**BENJAMINS**  
BANQUETING SUITES

9th September

14th October

11th November

Birmingham Street, Halesowen • 0121 602 0202 • [www.benjaminsbanquet.co.uk](http://www.benjaminsbanquet.co.uk)

beautify your home

**Huge Savings**  
on all Blinds this Summer

All blinds come in a variety of colours and fabrics.  
Roller blinds and Venetian blinds also available

**FREE** MEASURING & FITTING  
12 Months Guarantee | Terms & conditions apply

**Vertical Blinds**  
**3 for £79**  
Up to 72" x 72"

**Roller Blinds**  
**3 for £119**  
60" x 60"

**3 Black-out Vertical Blinds**  
**£130** 60" x 60"  
Available in 7 colours

**Full Conservatory Blinds Fitted**  
**£189**  
Vertical Only

**3 Black-out Roller Blinds**  
**£160**  
60" x 60"

**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK**

Call **NOW** for details telephone: **01902 544 713**

or Email your measurements to **[sales@blindsdirect.co](mailto:sales@blindsdirect.co)**

**Halesowen Fireplaces**  
AT THE HEART OF YOUR HOME

Complete Fireplace Packages from **£499**  
(including fire)

**STORAGE HEATERS NOW IN STOCK**

For a range of Gas and Electric Fires and Surrounds visit our showroom (opposite Tyre City on Long Lane)

**Telephone 0121 559 9985** [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/halesowenfireplaces)

Unit 14, Long Lane Trading Estate,  
Long Lane, Halesowen B62 9LD  
[www.halesowenfireplaces.co.uk](http://www.halesowenfireplaces.co.uk)

**Midland UPVC Windows and Doors Ltd**

**SAVE MONEY ON YOUR FUEL BILLS WITH OUR ENERGY RATED WINDOWS**

**AUGUST SALE**  
UPVC SALE 6 FLAT A RATED WINDOWS ANY SIZE  
**£1599.00** fitted  
(t&c apply geographical & other restrictions apply)

**Special offers on conservatories**

**Free Design service**  
• 10 yr insurance back guarantee  
• High security locks  
• Energy saving windows & doors  
• All built and installed by our own fitters  
• GAP Discounts (t&c apply)

**FANTASTIC NEW UPVC DOOR RANGE**  
GUARANTEED TO BEAT ANY GENUINE WRITTEN QUOTE

**SPECIAL OFFER**  
PVC DOOR from **£385** fitted

**COMPOSITE DOOR**

**ALL AREAS COVERED 01384 234170 / 01384 429152**  
**VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.MIDLANDUPVC.CO.UK](http://WWW.MIDLANDUPVC.CO.UK)**  
**[midlandupvc@live.co.uk](mailto:midlandupvc@live.co.uk)**  
OFFICE HOURS MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9AM TO 5PM

**Any Carpet**

**MASSIVE CARPET AND VINYL CLEARANCE**

**Roll Ends Reduced To Clear!**

• Free Quotes • Free Local Delivery  
• Free Measuring  
Fitting Service Available

**ANYWHERE**

**129 Coombs Road, Halesowen**

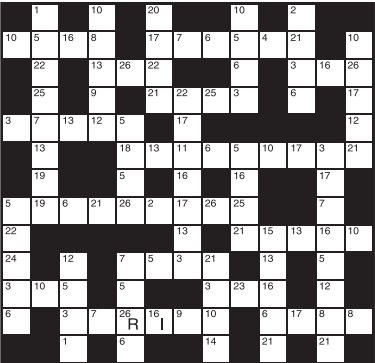
**Call: 0121 561 4607**



BRAIN GYM No.390

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:  
O M U D Z S N C V H L G F  
J E R A B K Q X P W Y I T

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

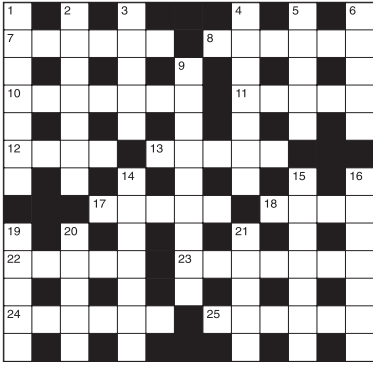
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 7. The standard put in front of an invader (6)
- 8. Father interrupts the others in a good meal (6)
- 10. Carter dead in the conflict (7)
- 11. The sum is a little rum to nearly everybody (5)
- 12. Deer took cover round the north (4)
- 13 & 17Ac. Instrument could make one a profit (10)
- 17. See 13 Across
- 18. See 6 Down
- 22. See 1 Down
- 23. It's a struggle for a hundred on trial (7)
- 24. See 21 Down
- 25. She's out of breath! (6)

Down

- 1 & 22Ac. Be informed, like the sailor or the boxer (4,3,5)
- 2. Nothing rising strangely from these sources (7)
- 3 & 19Dn. It bristles with artistic associations (5-5)
- 4. See 16 Down
- 5. See 20 Down
- 6 & 18Ac. Deadlock on the board (9)
- 9. It's a crime to break the cease-fire (9)
- 14. Have police band on the ship (7)
- 15. The colour to get a man upset (7)
- 16 & 4Dn. Does this provide middling warmth? (7,7)
- 19. See 3 Down
- 20 & 5Dn. Accessories for roles not yet cast? (5,5)
- 21 & 24Ac. Certainly don't exaggerate description of one nervously tense (5,6)



Quick Clues:

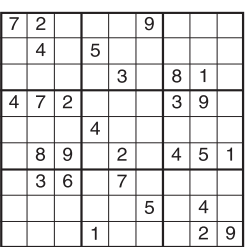
Across

- 7. Share (6)
- 8. Contention (6)
- 10. Enterprise (7)
- 11. Knave (5)
- 12. Profound (4)
- 13. Nip (5)
- 17. Lukewarm (5)
- 18. Dumb (4)
- 22. Begin (5)
- 23. Miser (7)
- 24. Go (6)
- 25. Hold back (6)

Down

- 1. Supply (7)
- 2. Dwarfed (7)
- 3. Sham (5)
- 4. Allure (7)
- 5. Tint (5)
- 6. Drive off (5)
- 9. Lacking (9)
- 14. Discourse (7)
- 15. Deserter (7)
- 16. Title (7)
- 19. Privately (5)
- 20. Glad (5)
- 21. Concur (5)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

1	5	6	9	7	8	3	2	4
9	2	4	5	1	3	6	8	7
8	3	7	4	6	2	5	1	9
6	7	1	3	5	9	8	4	2
2	8	9	6	4	1	7	3	5
3	4	5	8	2	7	1	6	9
4	9	3	7	8	5	2	1	6
5	6	2	1	3	4	9	7	8
7	1	8	2	9	6	4	5	3

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Craft; 4 Stumble; 8 Nunery; 9 Icing; 10 Owls; 11 Underdog; 13 Mass; 14 User; 16 Outright; 17 Taxi; 20 India; 21 Ovation; 22 Targets; 23 East. Down: 1 Contortionist; 2 Annuity; 3 Tier; 4 Saying; 5 Universe; 6 Builder; 7 Engaged signal; 12 Estimate; 13 Matador; 15 Shoots; 18 Adits; 19 Wage. QUICK - Across: 1 Felon; 4 Dismiss; 8 Ruction; 9 Mimic; 10 Keen; 11 Rehearse; 13 Tune; 14 True; 16 Laudable; 17 Maze; 20 Dying; 21 Elevate; 22 Extreme; 23 Dress. Down: 1 Foreknowledge; 2 Lucie; 3 Nail; 4 Danced; 5 Symmetry; 6 Immerse; 7 Secretiveness; 12 Entangle; 13 Tourist; 15 Allegre; 18 Awake; 19 Mend.

Thinking space



Quiz

- 1. Who won Oscars for Kluge and Coming Home?
- 2. In which mountains are St Bernards employed?
- 3. Which plant's leaves are the common antidote to nettle stings?
- 4. Which TV programme did Roy Castle present for 22 years?
- 5. The 38th parallel became a boundary within which country in 1945?
- 6. Of which organisation did Ros Hepplewhite resign as head in 1994?
- 7. Which brothers based an opera on a novel by DuBose Heyward?
- 8. What type of fish is a torpedo fish?
- 9. Which Carry On star played Peggy in EastEnders?
- 10. Which temperature scale starts at absolute zero?

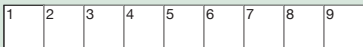
Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Pocahontas; 2 A goat; 3 Mercury and Venus; 4 Lindsay Anderson; 5 Phosphorus; 6 Orkneys; 7 Just William; 8 Homer; 9 Japan; 10 Conservative.  
Niner: CALUMNIES

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

32784 gives a good man,  
179 gives a bad man,  
1567428 gives a religious man.



StarReaderTravel

Hand picked holidays with you in mind

Fly from Birmingham airport

COLOGNE & VALKENBURG Christmas Markets

Departing Thursday 24 November and Friday 2 & 9 December 2016

Fly through your Christmas shopping with this special Omega break to the six markets of Cologne and the famous underground markets of Valkenburg, with flights, transfers, 3 star hotel with breakfast and free time in Amsterdam.

Price Includes...

- ✓ Return flight from Birmingham airport to Amsterdam Schiphol
- ✓ Airport taxes and return transfer from the airport to your hotel
- ✓ 2 nights at the 3 star Best Western Leverkusen Hotel, Germany
- ✓ Dinner on first evening and breakfast on both mornings
- ✓ Visits to the Cologne and Valkenburg Christmas Markets
- ✓ Free time in Amsterdam with optional Amsterdam canal cruise

Your Chronicle

in association with

Omega

ABTA

Quote Code: FXA575

3 days, by AIR from

£379pp

The advertised price is correct as of 2 August 2016 and is based upon departure from Birmingham airport on 24 November 2016.

View product online at

www.omega-holidays.com/FXA575

Organised by Omega Holidays plc. ABTA V4782. ATOL Protected 6081. Single supplements applies. Subject to availability. \*We have included the current flight price within the above package price. Should the cost of flights change the package price may vary. The final price will be confirmed to you at time of booking.

For more information or to book, please call:

01902 519414

OPENING TIMES:  
MON-FRI 8.30-19.00  
SAT 8.30-16.00  
SUN 10.00-16.00

LANDSCAPING YOUR GARDEN?

We have the largest range of patio paving in the Midlands...  
From circle features to natural paving  
Textured paving • Cobbled paving • Riven paving • We've got the lot!

Torrington Artificial Turf

£12.85 per sq. mtr.

MASSIVE SELECTION of artificial turf

NO WEEDING, NO MOWING, NO FERTILISING, MAINTENANCE FREE, EASY TO PUT DOWN  
JUST BEAUTIFUL GREEN GARDEN ALL YEAR ROUND

Tumble Paving Block

from £17.95 per sq. mtr. 3 sizes

St Meloir Fencing

from £39.76

Natural Stone Paving

from £18.99 sq mt

The largest range of patio paving in the Midlands Manufactured or Natural, it is all stocked at

BILLINGHAMS Cradley Road, Dudley DY2 9RH

Tel: 01384 566437

VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.BILLINGHAMS.COM

BILLINGHAMS

Landscape and Building Supplies





The bungalows at Skegness Water Leisure Park



Try out one of the well-equipped pods



An overview of Skegness Water Leisure Park and its fishing lake



Relax and enjoy a spot of fishing

# Forget football! You're on a winner at last with old favourite of mine

**MANY** a happy family holiday when I was a child was spent at Skegness. I never ventured back until I had children of my own – and the Lincolnshire coast is now firmly back in my affections.

There has been a bit of a theme running through my last three visits – England playing in major football tournaments. And we all know how that ends!

So, you're better off skipping any major sporting competition with home representation and just getting away from it. After all, that is what holidays are all about.

Home of the first ever Butlin's, Skegness, is, as the old poster campaign would have you believe, so bracing. It took a nightmare journey to find that was not necessarily so.

## Mark Shipp checks in

Torrential rain had left the roads awash with floods and heavy traffic, and Elton John fans on the road to a concert led to further delays. That washed out the first day of our weekend, but we more than made up for it with summer weather the next day.

Our destination was Skegness Water Leisure Park, apt given the conditions we drove there in. That's the Leisure Park at Skegness Water, by the way, for those expecting a host of pool-based activities.

There is a well-stocked lake for the keen anglers though – together with a tackle shop. With Skegness Airfield running alongside the site, helicopter rides are available at certain times, while rail enthusiasts can take a ride on the Lincolnshire Coast Light Railway.

Skegness Water Leisure Park welcomes guests with caravans and tourers. Camping pods are accommodating, though, and very popular, sleeping either four or six, and coming with an outside wooded decking area, picnic bench and barbecue stand.

## Seafood

Each pod is a fully insulated wooden structure with solid roof and lockable double-glazed French doors and windows. Electricity and heating is provided, while dogs are welcome in the four-berth pods.

As the site is family-orientated, large parties of three or more couples, mixed groups or single sex groups of three or more will not be accepted.

We stayed in one of the three holiday bungalows, which can sleep up to five people. These are let on a weekly basis from Saturday to Saturday during the main sea-

son, but short breaks are available out of season. Prices range from £335 to £550.

We ventured into town to enjoy the sun on our first day. And it wasn't bracing at all as we took in the beach, had a pub meal and tried out one of Skegness's myriad of crazy golf courses.

But there's more to the town than just hitting a ball into a little hole with an obstacle in the way. More to my taste were the little huts selling seafood.

Back on-site there's a family pub, the Barn Inn, providing live entertainment, free wi-fi and sports channels, though I have recommended switching off from all that. Plus, there is a general store, play area, amusement centre and salon.

The site is open until November 20. Call 01754 899400 or email enquiries@skegnesswaterleisurepark.co.uk

## Massive Complex Refurb with Indoor Pool & Splash Area, Soft Play, Games Room, Adventure Playground, Shop, Restaurant and Bar.

### Also on Park is a Boat Park, Own Beach and it's Open 11 Months



**Sunbeach Holiday Park, Llwyngwrl, Gwynedd, Wales, LL37 2QQ**

t: 01341 250263 / e: sunbeach@allenscaravans.com

**www.AllensCaravans.com**





## Charming and traditional semi-detached property

A charming and traditional semi-detached house in Upper Meadow Road, Quinton, is in a most desirable location.

Ideal for first time buyers, it is for sale through Robert Oulsnam at £154,950.

Having easy access to Junction 3 of the M5 and to the Hagley Road, it is also close to a variety of local amenities such as Ridgacre

QUINTON  
£154,950

House Surgery. Worlds End Infant and Nursery School can both be accessed within 0.5 miles of the property. Asda supermarket, Tesco supermarket, Starbucks and the Reel Cinema are all located within 1.3 miles of the property.

This well-presented semi has a bay fronted through lounge with sliding patio doors opening to the rear garden, two double bedrooms with an additional nursery/study space.

There is a well-appointed first floor bathroom, a useful side access and utility space and beautiful mature gardens.

Contact Robert Oulsnam on 0121 429 9986 or visit www.oulsnam.net

HERITAGE BUILDERS  
MERCHANTS LTD



Tel: 01384 412745

Lower High Street, Cradley Heath, West Midlands. B64 5AJ

### PLASTERBOARD.

8 x 4 sheet  
6 x 3 sheer  
Multi finish  
Scrim tape  
Beads

### TIMBER

7 x 2  
6 x 2  
CLS 4x2 (3m)  
CLS 3x2 (3m)

### AGGREGATES

Bulk bag building sand  
Bulk bag sharp sand  
Bulk bag ballast  
Bulk bag Hardcore  
Concrete Blocks

### THIS WEEK ONLY

BULK BAG TOP QUALITY  
SCREEDED TOPSOIL ..... £28.00  
6x6 fence panels fr ..... £16.00

THERMAL  
BLOCKS IN  
STOCK

"POP DOWN TO  
SEE US OR CALL  
FOR PRICES"

THIS WEEK  
ONLY !  
CEMENT  
JUST £2.70  
PER BAG !



Stockists of fencing, gravel boards, decking, sand, hardcore, cement, blocks, timber, plasterboard, golden gravel chippings, topsoil, blue/plum slate, shingle...



NEW

HALESOWEN, Summerfields Avenue £825 pcm+Fees  
A superb 3 bedroom refurbished semi-detached house comprising of: entrance hall, 2 reception rooms, beautiful kitchen, 2 double & 1 single bedrooms, house bathroom with separate shower, rear garden & driveway for 1 car and a garage, this family home is situated in a very popular location and offers a very long rental opportunity. EPC: D



AMBLECOTE, High Street £775 pcm+Fees  
A fantastic opportunity to get a home on a select development 'Crystal Gardens'. This home features a spacious lounge/dining area, well appointed kitchen, downstairs WC, the 1st floor has 2 bedrooms & a family bathroom & on the 2nd floor there is a master bedroom with a large en-suite, 2 allocated parking spaces, front & rear gardens. This property will not be available for long. Minimum contract 12 months. EPC: B



HALESOWEN, Wassell Road £675 pcm+Fees  
A large unfurnished semi-detached house in central Halesowen which features: entrance porch, lounge, fully fitted kitchen, covered side entrance, private rear garden, 3 good size bedrooms, large bathroom with shower over bath, garage & driveway. Also benefiting from gas central heating and double glazing. EPC: D



LET

BIRMINGHAM, Watermarque £625 pcm+Fees  
Tastefully presented and well proportioned studio apartment set in the prestigious Watermarque development. This newly decorated 4th floor property is fully furnished and comprises: Living room/bedroom with wardrobe space, kitchen with appliances, large bathroom with shower, 24 hour concierge service, 2 lifts, gym, and not far from the NIA, ICC and Symphony hall. EPC: TBC



LET

HALESOWEN, Hagley Road £595 pcm+Fees  
A superb 2 bedroom flat in central Halesowen. This property has been fully refurbished to a very high standard and must be seen to be appreciated. Private secure entrance with alarm, large lounge, stunning kitchen/dining area with appliances, utility room/downstairs w.c, 2 bedrooms, shower room, rear courtyard. EPC: TBC



HALESOWEN, Holt Road £575 pcm+Fees  
Minutes away from Rowley Regis Train Station, not far from the M5 J2 and Blackheath Town Centre. A nicely presented refurbished mid terraced home. Featuring 2 double bedrooms and 1 single bedroom, 2 spacious reception rooms, fitted kitchen with oven/hob, downstairs bathroom with shower, double glazing, gas central heating, small rear garden, on road parking. EPC: D



HALESOWEN, Beaumont Road £575 pcm+Fees  
Ideally located in Blackheath for local amenities, train station close by and the M5. This large 2 double bedroom and terraced house features 2 reception rooms with 1 reception having side flooring and a working wood burner, fitted kitchen, utility room with washing machine, 2 double bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, court yard rear garden, on road parking and off road parking available for 1 car plus garage (accessed from Clifton Road). EPC: TBC



HALESOWEN, Bethesda Gardens £550 pcm+Fees  
Located on this new build estate is this modern ground floor apartment, coming unfurnished, briefly comprising of: 2 bedrooms, master bedroom with en-suite, modern bathroom with shower, fitted kitchen with white goods, open plan spacious lounge, gas central heating, double glazing, allocated parking. A must view property. EPC: C



WORDSWLEY, Wordsley Court £550 pcm+Fees  
1st floor fully refurbished large apartment within walking distance of Wordsley Green & King George V park. Featuring lovely lounge, 2 generous size double bedrooms, fitted kitchen, shower room, secure parking to rear of property. EPC: C



LET

HALESOWEN, Hammersley Close £535 pcm+Fees  
Located in a nice quiet cul-de-sac on the Homer Hill Estate. Just down the road from Colley Lane Primary School and buses to Halesowen and Cradley Heath. This unfurnished modern terraced house features 2 bedrooms, fitted kitchen, spacious lounge, bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing, driveway for 2 cars, rear garden. Viewing highly recommended. EPC: C



CRADLEY HEATH, Delingpole Walk £525 pcm+Fees  
An unfurnished mid mews house, in a well sought after location, briefly comprising of: gas central heating, living room, fitted kitchen, downstairs WC, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom with shower, rear garden, 2 allocated parking spaces. EPC: B



CRADLEY HEATH, Elbow Street £485 pcm+Fees  
This lovely and well kept unfurnished 2nd floor flat briefly features 2 bedrooms, electric storage heating, spacious living room, fitted kitchen with some appliances, bathroom with shower, allocated parking space, close to local shops and Old Hill Train Station. EPC: C



NEW

HALESOWEN, Brett Young Close £475 pcm+Fees  
Situating within a few minutes walk of Halesowen Town Centre and local bus station for buses into Birmingham City Centre. This well presented 1 double bedroom ground floor apartment features a fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, house bathroom with shower, cosy lounge, double glazing, gas central heating and 1 allocated parking space. EPC: B



ROWLEY REGIS, Alwin Road £450 pcm+Fees  
A 1 bedroom ground floor flat being double glazed with electric heating. The accommodation, which has been refurbished briefly comprises a reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom, communal gardens and parking. EPC: TBC



CRADLEY HEATH, King Street £440 pcm+Fees  
Located in the heart of Old Hill. Ideally situated for local shops, buses and train links is this unfurnished 1st floor modern apartment which comprises of 1 double bedroom, fitted kitchen with a small fridge, spacious lounge, double glazing, electric storage heating, bathroom with shower, allocated parking space. EPC: C



NEW

KIDDERMINSTER, Bewdley Road £425 pcm+Fees  
A fully refurbished 1st floor flat close to town centre & hospital comprising of: Large living room, large double bedroom, fitted kitchen with oven/hob, bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing, small private garden. Available mid August. EPC: TBC



STOURBRIDGE, Bagley Street £425 pcm+Fees  
COMING SOON!! 4 fully refurbished apartments (2 - ground floor & 2 - 1st floor) within a stones throw of Stourbridge town centre. The apartments feature an open plan lounge/ fitted kitchen, shower room, 1 double bedroom & private rear parking. Not to be missed! EPC: TBC



CRADLEY HEATH, Great Western Drive £425 pcm+Fees  
Unfurnished ground floor flat close to Cradley Heath, Old Hill Train Station and local shops. Featuring in this lovely apartment is gas central heating, living room, fitted kitchen, double bedroom, shower room, communal garden & allocated parking space. EPC: D



NETHERTON, St Georges Road £395 pcm+Fees  
Beautiful refurbishment in a quiet location. This 1st floor apartment features electric storage heating, living room, brand new kitchen, 1 very large double bedroom, modern house bathroom with shower, rear garden, parking space. Viewing recommended to appreciate this nicely proportioned flat. EPC: D



LYE, High Street £325 pcm+Fees  
Located in the centre of Lye at Lye Cross. This 2nd floor flat above shops features a large lounge, kitchen, 1 double bedroom, bathroom with shower, and is available immediately. EPC: TBC



LYE, High Street £285 pcm+Fees  
A 1st floor studio apartment in the centre of Lye Town, also close for Lye Train Station. Featuring a combined lounge/bedroom, fitted kitchen with electric cooker, shower room, electric heater, shared laundry room, parking at rear, private communal area with seating. EPC: TBC



# Local Specialists



## Builders

### All Trades of Halesowen

#### PROPERTY REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

• Roofing • Fencing • Plumbing • Electrical  
• Brickwork • UPVC • Guttering • Fascias  
• Gardening • Decorating • Plastering • Skylights

**FREE 24hr Call Out**  
Established since 1984  
**20% DISCOUNT FOR OAP'S**  
**0121 602 5601**  
**0759 007 6739**

### D H Household Maintenance

All building maintenance and DIY work undertaken  
All areas covered  
**0121 422 8594**  
**07985 548466**

### Local Specialists



### Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning

#### CLEANCARE

Carpet & Upholstery Cleaners

Fully Trained  
Insured  
Est: over 12 years  
Friendly service  
For free quotes  
Call  
(07816) 817744  
Tel: 0121 503 0854

## Fencing

### LBT Fencing

All types of quality fencing supplied & erected  
Plus decking, slabbing & block paving  
**FREE QUOTES**  
Tel: 0121 585 9992 or 07884 344616  
**www.lbt-fencing.co.uk**

### PJW FENCING

All types of fencing and gates supplied and fitted  
Other services: Shed bases, slabbing and garden clearances, removal of trees, privet, old sheds and garages  
QUALITY WORKMANSHIP AT COMPETITIVE PRICES • ALL AREAS COVERED  
For a free quote call  
**0121 532 2263 or 07951 536929**

### Fencing & Gates

All Garden Work Undertaken  
• Slabbing • Block Paving • Tree Felling  
• Turfing • Garden Clearance  
NO JOB TOO SMALL  
Manufacturers of all Concrete Products  
eg. Concrete Posts, Gravel Boards  
All work guaranteed Insurance work undertaken  
Over 15 years experience (Public liability covered)  
Call Steve on  
**01384 242891 or 07970 300586**

## Mot's

### MOT

**£27.99**  
with this advert  
**FREE RE-TEST**

Green Garage, Unit 2a Station Road,  
(rear of Gold Cue Snooker Club), Blackheath, B65 0LJ  
**0121 559 6001**



## Carpentry

### CARPENTRY SERVICES

**ROBERT CHESNEY**  
CARPENTRY / JOINERY

KITCHEN FITTING SPECIALIST  
ALL CARPENTRY WORKS  
ROOFS / DOORS / LOCKS  
DECKING SPECIALIST  
CALL NOW FOR A FREE QUOTE  
0121 421 6740  
07779746939



## Computers

### NEED ADVICE ON COMPUTING?

• All PC Problems Resolved • Software & Hardware Installed  
• Virus & Spyware Removed • PC Health Checks  
• Home Network Implemented • Internet Connections Installed  
DON'T BE FOOLED INTO THINKING YOU NEED A NEW PC  
Call: **0121 422 7646** or: **07970 846 552**  
**JUDRAP PC SUPPORT**  
email: support@judrap.com **www.judrap.com**



## Electricians

### J S QUALITY ELECTRICAL SERVICES LTD

Fuseboard upgrades / complete rewires / security alarms and lighting  
/ fault finding and repairs / shower replacements and more

Domestic / Industrial / Commercial work undertaken  
Free quotations available Over 20 years' experience

Contact now:  
**0121 531 6884 / 07753 393562**  
**www.jsqualityelectrical.co.uk**  
**jselectricalservices@hotmail.co.uk**

Summer  
Deals now  
on - call  
for more  
information

CERTIFICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

### Starkey Electrical Ltd

Manor Lane, Halesowen B62 2PU Domestic, Commercial & Industrial Electricians

For all your electrical needs in the home, garden, driveway  
or office/retail premises

• Landlord Certification • Fuse board replacements  
• Rewiring • Energy saving LED Lighting • Emergency call out -  
7 days a week • Experienced electricians NICEIC regulated •  
Competitive Prices/FREE quotations  
**www.starkeyelectrical.co.uk**  
**stuart@starkeyelectrical.co.uk**

OFFICE: 0121 423 3883 | 0844 561 7244



### ELECTRICIAN

Fully guaranteed work  
Honest reliable service

### ANT ELECTRIC

Ring Tony or Julie on

**07974 428 603**

**KEEP IT LOCAL**

'No Job Too Small'

### House Clearances

### Budget Removals

Single items & full  
house removals

Fully Insured

Call 7 Days

**01384 660 048**

### MB electric

All domestic and commercial  
electrical works undertaken

Home rewiring from £800

For a high quality  
local service call:

0121 3690311  
07939 503905

**mbelectric.co.uk**

### Fascias Soffits & Guttering

### Roberts Guttering Services

20% Discount

Local Specialists

Dry Verge Units Fitted

For All aspects of  
cleaning & repair call

Robert for a  
FREE quote on

**07767869792**

We Fit UPVC

Soffits & Fascias

## Decorating



**www.harrisonsdecoratingservices.co.uk**

### HARRISONS

PAINTING & DECORATING

Commercial & Residential Work Undertaken

• Painting • Tiling • Kitchens

• Paperhanging • Flooring • Bathrooms

Call Nick: **07792865975**

**nk.harrison@btinternet.com**

Fully Insured - Quality Finishing - Reasonable Rates

### Colour Zone

Interior & exterior painting  
and decorating

• Special rates for OAP's  
• 25 years experience  
• Fully insured

**0121 434 5679 07507 070786**

### MJD Painter & Decorator

Interior & Exterior

Special discounts for OAP's

Free Quotes - Fully Insured

Commercial Work Undertaken

No job too small

Give Mick a Call

Tel: 07889923896

**Michael.J.Downing@hotmail.co.uk**



### HALESOWEN DECORATORS

Painters & Decorators

OAP DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

10% OFF with this advert

Residential and Commercial work undertaken

CALL **07860 206713**

**0121 602 0966**

**halesowendecorators@gmail.com**



### PAINTER & DECORATOR

Professional and reliable

Fully insured

O.A.P Discounts

For a free

quote call Carl

**0121 561 1881**

or **07532 200591**



## Oven Cleaning

### Captain oven clean

Professional Oven Cleaning Service

fully insured ✓

amazing results ✓

no call out fee ✓

eco friendly chemicals ✓

no smell, mess or fuss ✓

we charge on the oven type... not how dirty it is ✓

• hobs • microwaves • extractors

• bbq's • cookers • aga's

• ranges • ovens

**CHRIS BREARLEY**

**07972 342217**

## Double Glazing

### Misted Sealed Units?

**Black Country Glazing**

Contact US for a **FREE** quote!

Manufacturers & Installers of

windows, doors & conservatories

'A' Rated Windows as Standard

**10 YEAR GUARANTEE**

Energy efficient windows that won't cost the earth

Station Street, Cradley Heath, B64 6AJ

Est 1987 **01384 566100**

**www.blackcountryglazing.com**

Which? FENSA

## Driveways

### DISCOUNT DRIVEWAYS

Block Paving and Tarmac

Drives • Paths • Patios

Slabbing • Red Tarmac

Car Parks

5 Year Guarantee

On All Work

Free Quotations and Advice

Tel: **01384 79900 • 07583 170190**

**www.discountdriveways.co.uk**



## Garage Doors

### DB GARAGE DOORS

• Supply • Install

• Repair • Roller

• Up and Over • Sectional

• Side Hinged • Remote Control

• Made to measure Doors

• FREE Survey & Quotation

**www.dbshutters.co.uk**

Tel: **0121 422 1990** Mob: **07860 858378**

## Mobile Hairdresser

### MOBILE HAIRDRESSER

Cuts, Colours, Perms etc

Hair Extensions

Call Lyndsey **07795 514858**

To advertise your business and reach more than 41,000 potential customers...

1

Call us on...  
**01902 319590**

2

E-mail us at...  
**mark.moore@expressandstar.co.uk**

3

Post to...  
Mark Moore, Halesowen Chronicle, Black Lake  
Regional Centre, West Bromwich B70 0QB





# Local Specialists

## Plastering

### C.A. Plastering

For competitive quotes on all your refurbishment needs on plastering, boarding, overboarding, partitions, re-skimming and artex covering.

**No job too small 07538 718264**

### DH PLASTERERS

FROM boarding, skimming, patching and repairs TO complete rooms

**GUARANTEED LOWEST PRICES**

**0121 422 8594 or 07985 548466**

### Local Specialists



## Property Maintenance

## Plumbing & Heating



**KEN PERRY**  
PLUMBING & HEATING ENGINEER

Gas Fitting, Boiler Servicing and Immersion Heaters, Multi Point Water Heaters, Landlord's Gas Certificates, Boilers changed

Guild of Master Craftsmen Gas Safe Registered

**STOURBRIDGE 392284**



## Local Specialists

Our Specialist Section offers you a wide range of local businesses and tradesman to deal with your needs and requirements.

## Gardening

### ROWAN TREE & GARDEN SERVICES LTD

\*Tree Surgeon Specialist \*Stump Grinding/Root Removal  
\*Hedges Pruned/Shaped \*Jungles Cleared/Full Landscapes  
\*Fencing \*Turfing \*Concreting \*Driveways & Patios  
\*Plus Much More Call Now For a No Obligation Quotation

**WWW.ROWANGROUP.CO.UK**  
**01384 213644 or 07733 226568**

AGE CONCERN & Local Authority Contractor, N.P.T.C. qualified, Public Liability Insurance (£5 million) All staff C.R.B. Certified

**PART OF THE ROWAN GROUP OF COMPANIES**

### SWIFT LANDSCAPES

FRIENDLY & RELIABLE SERVICE

> PATIOS > GARDEN CLEARANCE  
> BLOCK PAVING > FENCING  
> BRICKWORK > DECKING  
> DRIVEWAYS > TURFING

**FREE QUOTES:**  
**0121 602 5943 / 07818 119 453**  
**www.swiftlandscapes.co.uk**

### Roy's Mowing & Garden Maintenance

\* Garden tidy up's  
\* Bush/tree's/condemners/hedges cut or removed  
\* No job too big or small  
\* Special rates for OAP's  
\* Gutters Cleaned  
\* Fencing and Sheds Painted/Creosoted  
\* Patios Jet Washed

Please call: **0121 422 5818 / 07979 980951**

### R.A. GARDEN SERVICES

Established 24 years

**Gardening & Landscaping Services**

Including: • Tree Lopping • Hedge Cutting  
• Lawn Mowing • Fencing & Slabbing  
• Low Maintenance Landscaping • Gardens Cleared

**FULLY INSURED • OAP DISCOUNTS**

**FOR FREE QUOTE CALL:**  
**07970 676 638 • 01384 569 143**  
**www.ragardenservices.net**

## Landscaping

**CARDINAL LANDSCAPES**  
West Midlands  
Specialists in Patios, Driveways, Paths, Fencing, Turfing, Decking and Landscaping

Call now for a **FREE QUOTE**  
**01902 562600 or 07539 887144**

## Upholstery

**JC RE-UPHOLSTERY SERVICES**  
Specialists in Re-upholstery, Repairs and Antiques

**CONTRACT & DOMESTIC**  
No Job Too Small  
FREE ESTIMATES  
Choice of patterns  
Quality Workmanship

Blackheath  
**0121 561 3977** daytime  
or 0121 561 2344 evenings after 6 pm

## R & S Gardens

• All garden work undertaken  
• Hedges and lawns cut  
• General tidy and rubbish removed  
• Garden landscaping and fencing work

**Telephone: 07851 323303**

## Driveways & Patios

## Cressage Paving

Specialists in: Block Paving, Tarmac, Landscaping, Gravel, Patios, Forecourts, Fencing and Driveways

All Groundwork undertaken

**FREE WRITTEN QUOTATION**

Mini Digger & Driver available

**01384 944032**  
**Mob: 07879 073702**  
**www.cressage-group.co.uk**

## Pets Corner



## 4 PETS WHO KNOW A GOOD THING!

**WE ARE A CAGE FREE SALON**

5\* was such a relaxing environment for my dogs, Dolly and Oscar! Thanks

*Kerry-Ann Wolohan (Facebook)*

**Time to look cool with a 10% DISCOUNT during August at Poshkutz**



**FREE PICK UP & DROP OFF**

First time I have used Posh Kutz for my dog Cane. Wish I had known about this place before!

*Beverley Smith (Facebook)*

**f 217 HIGH STREET, LYE, DY9 8JX CALL GARY: 01384 891008 / 07557 648100 WWW.POSHKUTZ.WEEBLY.COM**

## Roofing

## ALL WEATHER ROOFING

Slating, Tiling, New Roofs, Flat Roofs, Chimneys, Guttering, Ridges, Flashings, uPVC Fascia Cladding

**FREE ESTIMATES • FAST RELIABLE SERVICE**

Over 30 years experience

**0121 420 1582**  
**NO CALL OUT CHARGE**  
Mobile Number: **07947 839451**  
**allweatherroofingwestmids.co.uk**  
**allweatherroofinguk@outlook.com**

## ROOFING SERVICES

**One of the Leading Roofing Companies**  
**No Job too Small, No Job too Big**

• Gutters Cleaned From £15  
• Small Repairs From £15  
• Pointing Work From £15

**SPECIAL OFFERS**  
on all UPVC Fascias, Gutters, New Roofs/Slate Tile & Felt and Garage Roofs

- Flat roof specialist  
- Insurance work undertaken  
- Est 25 years  
- **Discounted for OAPs**  
- Exterior Painting

**WILL BEAT ANY GENUINE QUOTE**



**Home: 01384 872276**  
**Mobile: 07584 081228**

## ELITE PLASTICS

• Fascias • Sofits • Dry Verge  
• Pointing • Gutter Cleaning And Repair

**Premium Products Expertly Fitted With Full Manufacture Guarantee.**

**For A Free Quote call**  
**01384 468831 / 07985 575865**  
**www.eliteplasticsupvc.co.uk**

## Skip Hire

## MT SKIPS & GRAB HIRE

**Save £££s**

All size skips and all areas covered  
Same day delivery faster than A phone call!!!

Open 7 days a week

**SCRAP CARS REMOVED FOR FREE**

**07920 88 57 74 or 01384 24 09 56**

## Tiling

### I.C.A. TILING SERVICES

Walls, floors, bathrooms, kitchens and conservatories.

Ceramic, porcelain, mosaics, slate, marble and all natural stone.

**FULL BATHROOM INSTALLATION AVAILABLE**

Quality workmanship at competitive prices.

Fully insured. Portfolio available.

For a free quote call Ian on **01384 412796 or 07890 894631**

## Floor and Wall Tiling

**Ceramic, Porcelain and Natural Stone**

Walls • Floors • Bathrooms • Kitchens • Conservatories

**All work undertaken • Call Tony for a free quote**

**0121 422 4116 / 07961 604632**

## Plumbing

## HOUSEHOLD PLUMBING

(General Plumbing and Bathrooms)

**All installations and repairs**

**Supply and fit or fit only**

**TIDY, MODERN APPROACH. REGISTERED PLUMBER**

No job too small. Friendly service. Free advice and quotes

Tel: Neil **07968 786449** - **0121-602 6776**  
**www.household-plumbing.co.uk**

To advertise your business and reach more than 41,000 potential customers...

**1**

Call us on...  
**01902 319590**

**2**

E-mail us at...  
**mark.moore@expressandstar.co.uk**

**3**

Post to...  
**Mark Moore, Halesowen Chronicle, Black Lake Regional Centre, West Bromwich B70 0QB**







Buy Local, Sell Local

## funeral directors

**N.E.DOWNING**  
(Blackheath) LtdIndependent  
family run  
Funeral Directors24 hour service  
Halesowen  
0121 422 2794

www.nedowning.co.uk

1

## Family

elderly &  
disabled**MOBILITY SCOOTERS** from £350  
can deliver, servicing available.  
Call: Poverlink, Blackheath 01394  
255019 / 07831 246292.**SMALL DOUBLE** riser recliner bed,  
perfect condition, unused, £750.  
01902 336070. After 6pm.**WREKIN STAIRLIFTS** recondi-  
tioned lifts from £799. New avail-  
able. 01552 405387/07897 273617

2

## Leisure Time

camping  
equipment**TENT AND** all camping equipment,  
to much to list, all as new. £800.  
07593 708640. 0121 502 3680.caravans /  
motorhomes**A BEAUTIFUL PARK NR LUDLOW**  
Caravans 35x12 DG & CH from  
£15,000. 11 month holiday season.  
0154823433. www.bcpark.co.uk**ATLAS DIAMOND SUPER**  
38 x 12.  
2-bedroomed. Sleeps 6.  
En-suite, CH, DG, Balcony.  
Parking for two cars.  
Club. Shops. Beach.  
Indoor pool.  
Near Aberystwyth Clarich  
Holiday Village.  
£11,950 or **PX Tourer or**  
**Camper.**  
07904 612854.**AVONDALE CLASSIC** Mayfly, 96,  
lightweight, 2 berth, little used,  
motor mover, owner retiring,  
£1,995. 01902 895481.**BK CONTESSA**  
Bluebird, 2003, Static, 26ft x  
12ft. Caravan, 2 bedroom, 6-  
berth, sighted close near to the  
river in Worcester.  
Very good condition.  
£8,500 ovno. 01691 659071 or  
07583 629907.**CARAVAN**  
1998 Lunar 462, 2 berth.  
Model LX2000 with mover and  
towsure porch awning.  
Ready to go.  
Serviced 2016.  
£2,500.

01902 893055.

**CITROEN ROMA HOME** Reg 1997,  
under 48 months, fully equipped,  
12 months MoT, excellent condi-  
tion. £6,000. 01299 271401.**HOLIDAY HOME**  
Cosalt Sherwood 44 x 20 2 bed  
Lodge, on beautiful Bright  
Water Lakes Park, Welshpool,  
SY21 9DL. Fully furnished.  
Large veranda.  
£79,950.  
07858 922722.**STATIC CARAVAN 35 X 10**  
6-berth with decking, Mid  
Wales. Site fees paid for 2016.  
Dog friendly.  
£4,250 ono.  
07922 351352. No texts.**STATIC CARAVAN** for sale, on  
quiet country site, contents  
included. Site fees paid until March  
2017. £10,000. ono. 07734 910473**STATIC HOLIDAY HOME**  
On quiet farm site. Patio,  
parking area by van, fishing,  
woodland walks on site,  
Chelmarsh, nr Bridgnorth, fees  
paid till Oct 17.  
£16,000.  
01746 861192.**SWIFT FREESTYLE 460**  
Immaculate. 2010. 2-berth. End  
washroom. Oven. Hob. Grill.  
Microwave. 3 way fridge.  
Carpets. CD / radio. Awning.  
Alko stabilizer. Aquaroll.  
Wastewater. Motormover.  
Electric hook-up. Tyre safety  
brand. CRIS. Ready to go.  
£8,500.

01691 791544/07980 850051.

**TUDOR AMBASSADOR**  
Static caravan with decking  
area. 1994 model located at  
Hampton Lodge, 35ft x 12ft  
2 bed.  
Residential site open all year.  
£13,000 ono.  
Call David 07514 505818.**VAN ROYCE 520CK** 1994, luxury 5-  
berth tourer, 17ft, twin diner, many  
extras including full awning. £590  
ono. 07725 555170.

caravans wanted

**WANTED ALL CARAVANS**  
Any age or condition  
Also motorhomes wanted.  
**TOP PRICES PAID**  
Immediate collection.  
**CALL THOMAS**  
**07776373150**

fishing

**FISHING TACKLE WANTED** any-  
thing considered. New or Old  
01902 754011 or 07831 568716jumble sales /  
fetes**BRIC-A-BRAC FAIR**  
Sunday 14th August**KINVER COMMUNITY**  
**CENTRE**  
**DY7 6ER**  
10.30am - 4pm  
Tel: 01384 894464

music shop

**WANTED DRUM KIT** beginner. Must  
be in good condition.  
Can collect.  
01384 484309 / 07930 949337.

sports &amp; leisure

**FULL SIZE SNOOKER TABLE** with  
slate bed, £400. Mahogany bar,  
ideal for games room. £150. Both  
excellent condition. 0121 3535015.

what's on

antique fairs

**ANTIQUE/**  
**COLLECTORS FAIR**  
CORNBOW HALL, HANGLEY STREET,  
HALESOWEN, B63 3AT (NEXT TO WILKINS).  
**FRIDAY 19TH AUGUST**  
8.00AM - 4PM  
07783 680 627  
www.blackcountryfairs.co.uk**HAVE YOU CHECKED** your adver-  
tisement today? We would respect-  
fully remind advertisers that it is  
their responsibility to inform the  
publishers of any mistakes or inac-  
curacies on the first day of publica-  
tion.3  
Home &  
Services

antiques

**WANTED** Enfield clock movement,  
Westminster chimes for long clock  
case. 01902 735140.

furniture

**BFC FURNITURE**  
Open Everyday  
10am-6pm  
OPEN SUNDAY  
10AM - 4PM  
SAVE 50%  
DIRECT FROM  
FACTORYDivan beds from £49. Mattresses  
from £29. Ortho mats from £69.  
Memory foam mats £79. Metal  
fashion bed frames - singles £49,  
doubles £69. Bunk bed frames £99.  
Choose from our unrivalled stocks  
of Mobility Chairs in leather and  
fabric - many models to choose  
saving up to 50% eg Roberto lift  
and tilt in leather. Was £999  
**HALF PRICE £349**  
**BFC FACTORY OUTLET**  
CONVEYER ROAD MID WEST  
GREAT BRIDGE RD, TYPON DY4 8XF.  
OFF A461 2 MINS FROM NEW  
TUSCO & TONY CANTON  
**0121 557 6885**  
BIG CHOICE OF DINING FURNITURE**MAHOGANY BERESFORD**  
**AND HICKS DINING ROOM**  
**SUITE**  
8 chairs, pullout table, ornate  
legs, corner unit and display  
cabinet with lights. £100 ono.  
Call 01902 340457 or  
07956 464554.**household  
appliances****PHILLIPS WHIRLPOOL** fridge  
freezer, American style ice / water  
dispenser, excellent condition  
£250. 07593 545087.

in your garden

**FLOWERING POTS** annuals /  
perennials, suitable for graves /  
patios. From £2.50. 01902 762500.**GARDEN AWNING**, 8ft long, remote  
control, excellent condition, £500  
ono. 07596 283165.**GARDEN POND**, Fibreglass, 3m x  
2m, complete with OASE filter  
system and UV light, sleepers,  
lights, fish and plants. £360.  
07957 223214.**STONE PATIO SET**, table, bench  
and stools, £2200 ono.  
Telephone 01746 764839 or  
07885 699589.

items for sale

**GENERATOR 1.1KVA** used once,  
as new. £75. Plus set of double alu-  
minium ladders, £30. or £100 for  
both. 07593 545087.**TRAILER** 4ft x 3ft, with cover,  
immaculate condition. Used twice.  
£150 ono.  
01902 834112.

items wanted

**ALL GOLD 9CT £300 PER OUNCE**  
**CASH PAID TODAY**  
**A GENUINE LADY BUYER**  
All Beswick • Doulton • Worcester Moorcroft  
• Lladro • Old coins  
• WATCHES • COSTUME JEWELLERY  
• Diamonds and Gold Coins • Clocks • Paintings  
• ALL SILVER • All Oriental Items  
Pre 47 silver coins All war medals etc  
ANYTHING OLD & INTERESTING  
**01922 495066 or 07971 783206**

A BEST CASH PRICE

FOR ALL RAILWAY  
COLLECTIONSAny gauge or age  
Hornby / Bachmann / Bowmans  
/ Roundhouse / Graham / Farsh  
/ any live steam. Also Die Cast,  
Corgi, Dinky, Spot On.  
01384 836219/07891 713547.  
thetrainmaster67@  
hotmail.comREADERS ARE ADVISED TO care-  
fully consider all of their options  
before agreeing to the sale of any of  
their items.specialists at  
your service

building services

**DAVIES & SON BUILDERS**  
Over 35 years experience in the industry  
All aspects of building work including:  
Extensions, loft conversions, roofing,  
driveways & landscaping.  
Discounts offered.  
**01902 579592 / 07837 994465**carpet & upholstery  
cleaning**A CLASS CARPET &  
UPHOLSTERY CLEANING**  
OAP discount. Recession Prices.  
Unbeatable Value. Rooms cleaned from £10  
Call Paul 07870 341089external rendering/  
insulation50% OF ALL EXTERNAL REND-  
ING, small jobs no problem, fully  
guaranteed 07891 920567

fencing

**ClassifiedAds**  
BUY LOCAL, SELL LOCAL**PORTWAY  
FENCING****IT WORKS  
FOR ME**  
"I am extremely  
happy with the  
service I get from  
my Express & Star  
Classified Sales  
Representative  
and I would  
recommend them  
to anyone!"Michael -  
Portway Fencing.**FOR GREAT BUSINESS RESULTS CALL**  
**01902 319 191**

Brought to you by Express &amp; Star

**PORTWAY  
FENCING****SPECIAL OFFER**  
10 bays of quality fencing,  
concrete posts, gravel boards  
HEAVY DUTY PANELS SUPPLIED AND FITTED  
0121 531 5250 / 07866 137 656  
Mon - Fri 8am - 4.30pm  
Sat 8am - 12noon  
83 Portway Rd, Wbury  
www.portwayfencing.co.ukgardening  
services**FREE UP SPACE**  
**GARAGES AND**  
**SHEDS CLEARED**  
Call: 07956 391885**GARDENS TIDIED** from £5 per  
garden. 25 years experience. Call  
01902 713106 / 07813 184086.**JAY'S MAINTENANCE** General  
fencing and garden maintenance  
Call: Jay 07890 874823

gas fitting

**READERS ARE ADVISED**  
To check that anyone  
carrying out any Gas work  
is Gas Safe Registered.  
It is an offence under the Gas  
Safety (Installation and Use)  
Regulations 1998 to carry out  
gas work in the UK without  
being on the Gas Safe Register.

house clearances

**A ABSOLUTE BEST** cash price paid  
for house clearances and bereave-  
ments. Also removals undertaken.  
07852 172641 / 07710 360327painters /  
decorators**DECORATOR**ALL domestic work  
undertaken  
Reliable & Affordable  
Special rates for OAPs  
No job too SMALL  
Call  
**07957 346 059**

plastering

**M & S PLASTERING & BUILDING**  
Services. Home/Garden Improve-  
ments. Mark or Sara: 07741 770897

removals

**A MAN WITH A VAN** Single items,  
flat/house removals/clearances,  
local/nationwide. Call Steve 0121  
422 2999 or 07815 043724**CALL DEAN NOW:** For all your  
Removal needs. 07429 453209/  
01902 830870 / 01384 940260.**CALL PETE - MAN WITH A VAN.**  
Removals, clearances, large/small.  
01902 741546, 07899 635852.**MR BEE  
REMOVALS**  
FROM £20 P/H  
MEN WITH VANS FOR REMOVALS.  
SINGLE ITEMS, HOUSES, FLATS,  
OFFICES & CLEARANCE.  
(FULLY INSURED)  
**07583 91 46 39**  
**07776 911 411**  
mrbeere removals@hotmail.co.uk  
www.mrbeere removals.com**stourbridge  
Removals**20+ YEARS EXP  
Home, Office,  
Part loads, landlord  
clean & repair service.  
House clearances.  
Quality service guaranteed  
lowest rates  
Call John - 07802 876 876  
office - 01562 640 640

roofing

**MG ROOFING** Flat roofs, tiling, roof  
repairs, fascias and gutters. Call  
01902 238989 / 07580 465449.

skip hire

**BLITZ  
SKIPS**  
AFFORDABLE SKIPS  
2-50 YARD SKIPS AVAILABLE  
MON-SAT 7AM-6PM  
**01902 870370**  
**0121 517 1111****ClassifiedAds**  
BUY LOCAL, SELL LOCAL**GRINSELLS  
SKIP HIRE****IT WORKS  
FOR ME**Thanks to our  
Classified advertising  
in the Express & Star  
we are really busy!It definitely  
works for us!**Grinsells Skip Hire.****FOR GREAT BUSINESS RESULTS CALL**  
**01902 319 191**

Brought to you by Express &amp; Star

4  
Pets &  
Animalsequestrian  
corner**ALL READERS** are advised to  
check if Horses have the required  
Passport information.

guns &amp; dogs

**NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS**  
Advertisers must ensure that  
they meet all necessary legal  
requirements for owning and  
using guns.

pets corner

**NOTICE TO READERS**  
Please be aware that when  
purchasing a puppy there are  
some simple guidelines you can  
follow to ensure that you are not  
purchasing from a Puppy  
Farmer.1. Try to ensure you visit the  
puppy whilst it is still with it's  
Mother.  
2. Do not arrange to collect a  
puppy from any other location  
than that of the breeder.  
3. Ensure that you are given any  
KC documentation, if pedigree.  
Whilst Midland News  
Association publications take  
great care to avoid publication  
of advertisements from Puppy  
Farmers we cannot accept any  
liability should readers  
purchase from this kind of  
establishment.**AMERICAN COCKER** Spaniel  
puppy, 13wks, KC reg, vaccinated,  
chipped, wormed, male. £400.  
Genuine reason for sale. 07974  
749908 / 07976 869485.**KITTENS X 3** two girls, one boy, £30  
to ensure good home.  
07460 345164.**TWO PARROT CAGES FOR SALE.**  
50 x 40 x 60cms: £25. 55 x 55 x  
95cms: £50. Both with perch and  
feeding features. 07751 423281.

vets

**Express & Star****THIS SPACE  
COULD BE  
PROMOTING  
YOUR  
BUSINESS**Every day our  
customers get a  
great response  
from Classified  
Advertising.So could you by  
calling our friendly  
experienced Sales  
Advisors on  
01902 319191.5  
Business &  
Farmingbusiness  
opportunities**READERS** are recommended to  
take appropriate professional  
advice before entering any obli-  
gations.**BOOK YOUR  
ADVERTISEMENTS  
OR FAMILY  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
ONLINE AT**bookanad.  
expressandstar.co.ukand become one  
of hundreds of  
customers  
who regularly  
receive  
exclusive  
special offers  
& discounts.**ClassifiedAds**  
BUY LOCAL, SELL LOCAL**GRINSELLS  
SKIP HIRE****IT WORKS  
FOR ME**Thanks to our  
Classified advertising  
in the Express & Star  
we are really busy!It definitely  
works for us!**Grinsells Skip Hire.****FOR GREAT BUSINESS RESULTS CALL**  
**01902 319 191**

Brought to you by Express &amp; Star

6  
Propertyaccommodation  
to let**NOTICE TO READERS** It is an  
offence under the Accommodation  
Agencies Act 1953, for an Agency  
to charge a fee simply for the regis-  
tration of your requirements and  
supplying particulars of premises to  
let.**DUDLEY** Clean, furnished bedsit  
with own bath/kitchen, 587 p.w., for  
mature DSS. 07550 002549.**PERTON: MODERN ONE BED**  
Ground Floor Flat, with parking.  
No DSS. £85pwk. 07931 939349.**TWO BEDROOM** flat, good condi-  
tion, Dudley area, £425pcm.  
01384 288431.

mobile homes

**MOBILE HOME FOR SALE**  
Harrows mobile home park,  
well cared for gardens, also well  
maintained unit, including shed  
and green house, also has its  
own car parking space, situated  
on a good bus route.Price region, £70,000  
For more details ring  
01902 798548.overseas  
property**NOTICE TO READERS**  
Readers are advised to seek  
independent legal advice before  
entering into any financial commit-  
ments.

## BOOK YOUR ADVERTISEMENTS OR FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ONLINE AT

bookanad.  
expressandstar.co.uk

## and become one of hundreds of customers who regularly receive exclusive special offers & discounts.



# ClassifiedAds



## properties wanted

EVERY TIME!

### WE PAY 100% of purchase price



## We buy any house

- FAMILY BUSINESS
- COMPLETION TO SUIT YOU
- FAST FRIENDLY SERVICE
- NO FEES/FREE SOLICITORS

WE ALSO BUY LAND

30 yrs

# 0800 999 999 6

or 01902 628047 24/7 www.black-countryhomes.co.uk

**Need to sell your home fast?**

**We can help you make a fresh start**

With solutions to suit... you can clear your debts and make a fresh start

Purchase Agreed Within **7 DAYS**

ALL CIRCUMSTANCES CONSIDERED  
COMPLETE ON DATE TO SUIT  
FREE VALUATION AND LEGALS  
FREE FRIENDLY ADVICE  
LOCAL COMPANY

**MARION | PROPERTY SOLUTIONS**

WHY NOT CALL US TODAY for an informal, friendly and confidential chat?

\*Terms and Conditions apply

**0121 405 0797** OUR LINES ARE OPEN 24/7

## Home Cash Buyer

Sell today, sign today, complete when u wish  
**£££ RENT BACK OPTIONS £££**

## Houses / Land Required

Ring Paul 24/7 Local **07870 341 089**

Sandwell area: Call 0121 696 4154  
Walsall & Cannock area: Call 01922 432049  
Wolverhampton: Call 01902 489901  
www.homecashbuyer.co.uk

# 7

## Jobs

### employment wanted

MOT TESTER seeks full or part time work. All Classes covered. Dudley based. 07950 398750 or 01384 820222.

### engineering

**WELDER TIG / MIG**  
Required for work on vibratory bowl feeders, vibratory conveyors and special purpose handling equipment. Must be able to weld and build equipment from drawings. Good all round practical experience is necessary. In the first instance please write to:-  
**Stuart Smith,**  
Works Director  
Alphamilton Ltd  
3 Bassett Road  
Cradley, Halesowen  
West Midlands B63 2RE  
Email:  
alphamilton@btconnect.com

full time - general



Eccles Tooling Systems would like to offer the following exciting opportunities within our busy engineering department.

**Skilled Patternmakers / Toolmakers**

Offering high rates of pay alongside an extremely competitive pay structure. Excellent working conditions with regular overtime opportunities.

Please contact via email at  
nell@ecclestoolding.com  
Tel 0121 585 5908

Eccles Tooling Systems,  
14 Chancel Way, Halesowen, B62 8SE

# 8

## Motoring

**cars over £1500**

**FORD FIESTA** Style Climate, 2008, 3-dr hatch, petrol, 13cc, silver, MoT July 2017, 69,000 miles, very clean in and out. £1,700. 07838 897693.

**FORD FOCUS** 1.6, 08, 70k, miles, MoT August 2017, 1 previous owner, alloys, EW, AC, EM, CD, HFS, £2,895 ono. 07730 496811.



**HONDA ACCORD 2.2 CDI**

2006, 86,000 miles, fsh, 1 owner from new, pearl blue, a/c, cruise, abs, e/w, e/m, alloys, CD, heated leather interior, as new turbo.  
**£2,995.**  
**01902 540702.**

**KIA PICANTO**, 2011, 20,000 miles, black, fsh, long MoT, good condition, £2,850. 07989 331960.

**MAZDA 3 SPORT** 2005, 5dr, hatch back, red, 17000 miles, sports pack, AC, radio/CD, MoT Feb 17, lovely car, £2,550. 01384 401209.

**MAZDA MX 5 1.8i** 2002 Green, ABS, electric windows-mirrors. Alarm. Full MoT. Metallic paint, C/L, PAS, CD, leather interior. Removable hard top. Good condition. **£1,699. o.n.o.**  
**Telephone 01384 288826.**

**MERCEDES C180 COMPRESSOR** SE Coupe, petrol, Sept 04, silver, 44,000 miles, 12 months MoT, 2 lady owners. £2,250. 07977 4978271.

**MITSUBISHI COLT CZ2c**, Cabriolet, black, 08 reg, 26,000 miles, very good condition, £1,825.  
07534 425275.

**NISSAN NOTE** Acenta MPV, 2008, met grey, black interior, AC, alloys, EW, CD, 80k, 2 keys, FSH, MoT, £1,495 ono. 07770 343600.



**PEUGEOT 207CC CONVERTIBLE**

2008, lovely condition, FSH, MoT August 12, 2017, 47k, electric windows, electric roof, rear park assist, CD, a/c, climate control, auto lights.  
**£3,200 ono.**  
**Telephone 07958 400177.**

**RENAULT CLIO DYNAMIQUE S** 2007, 58,000 miles, silver, new shape, 1390cc, very good condition, £1,599. 07879 403302.

**SUZUKI ALTO**, 09 Reg, very good condition, 19,700 miles, MoT end of May 2017, service record available, £2,500. 01902 676152.

**VAUXHALL CORSA** Energy, 12-29cc, petrol, 43mpg, 13,600 miles, ABS, alloys, first MoT Oct 13, 2016, £5,000. 07752 436997.

**VAUXHALL TIGRA** coupe, 08, 1346cc, met black / black interior, 40k, MoT April, alloys, CD, etc, any trial, £2,750 ono. 07770 309600.

**VW FOX** 2009, immaculate inside and out, very economical, low mileage, £1,850. 01384 565140 or 07761 091577.

**VW T5 Transporter**, 2.5TDI, 130 Auto, metallic green, top spec, 11 months MoT, 63k, excellent condition. £8750 ono. 07733 777999.

**cars under £1500**

**ADVERTISERS ARE REMINDED** that the Business Advertisements (Disclosure) Order of 1977 requires that advertisements must clearly differentiate between Private and Trade.

**CHEVROLET TACUMA** 2006, 1.6 SX, blue, MoT, 12 months MoT, 2017, £895. 01902 566552 or 07932 374075.

**CITROEN C2 VTS** 55 reg, 68k miles, black, air bags, air con, fsh, alarm, MoT, pas, Alloys, DAB radio, Good condition. £1,195 07834 344493.

**FIAT PUNTO 1.2** 54 reg., MoT Feb 2017, excellent condition £575. 0494 075563.

**FORD FIESTA 1.2 GHIA**, 2001, 48k miles, MoT 2017, 5-dr. Immaculate. blue. £650. 07771 428793.

**FORD FIESTA STYLE**, 07, 80k miles, blue, MoT, service history, central locking, 5 door, 4 new tyres, excellent condition. £999 ono. 07411 434525.

**FORD KA** Style, 2008, 65,000 miles, 1 previous owner, EW, AC, EM, burnt orange colour, excellent condition. £1,799. 07799 420194.

**NISSAN MICRA 1.0**, 2003 reg, 77,000 miles, 12 months MoT, very economical, good condition, £450. Telephone 01902 405757.

**NISSAN MICRA 1.3** 1999, silver, dual control, automatic, no MoT, Offers  
**07837 362124**  
**or 01902 845974**

**PEUGEOT 206CC** 1.6 2dr, quick silver, 54 reg, 66k miles, manual, petrol, full MoT, new cambelt, sh, immaculate. £995. 07825 778983.

**PEUGEOT 307** 2007, 136000 Miles, Grey, electric windows, air bag, air con, MoT, long MoT, central locking, pas, tax £800 ono 07903 461999.

**RENAULT CLIO DCI** 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

**RENAULT CLIO GRANDE** 2001, 58k miles, 11 months cambelt, 2dr, SSR, alloys, ideal first car, £650 ono. 01384 864058.

**RENAULT MEGANE 1.6** 2004, excellent condition, must see. £1,100.  
01902 727796 / 07930 881587.

**RENAULT MEGANE** 2005, diesel, 3dr, full MoT, SR, EW, 2 MoT, Sit great condition, £795 o.n.o. 01543 573130 or 07802 694664.

**RENAULT SCENIC** 16 valve, 113,000 miles, MoT, tow bar, excellent runner, £400 ono.  
07594 088954.

**TOYOTA COROLLA** 1.6GS, 5dr hatch, 1 reg, 12 months MoT, low miles, fsh, clean car £525. 07967 240349 or 07711 796145.

**VAUXHALL CORSA** 1.2, 05 plate, black, MoT February, very good condition, alloys, CD, £650 ono.  
01384 251328 or 07972 169554.

**VW GOLF** 1.4, 2001 in silver, 76,000 miles, FSH, 12 months MoT, new cam belt, water pump, breaks, coilovers, Audi TT wheels, excellent condition.  
**£1,500 ovno.**  
**01902 306544 / 07814 336980.**

**classic cars**

**MORRIS MINOR TRAVELLER** 1968, good all round condition, full MoT, electronic ignition, £5,500 ono. 01384 442337.

**WANTED, CLASSIC CARS.** Private Buyer instant cash settlement Anywhere. Any condition.  
01630 652993 or 07773 462797.

**driving tuition**

**10 Hours £99 Five Hours £50**  
**2 Hours £20 All Areas Covered**  
ADVICE REQUIRED. Gift vouchers available for £10  
07432 465100 / 01562 870050  
01384 234854 / 0121 5640090  
**01902 580065** www.homesdrivingschool.co.uk

**motorbikes**

**HONDA CBF250** (2008) 12,100 miles, silver, good condition, service history, 10 months MoT. Scottiller. New battery. Luggage rack with Kappa topbox. Electric start.  
**£1,650 ono.**  
**07936 387817.**

**LEX MOTO VALIANT 125CC** 2015 latest model, only 500km, black and cream, like new, save £400 from list price, £799 ono. 07877 722908.

**WORX 125**, October 2013, white, only 273 miles, mature owner, as new, immaculate, £995 ono.  
01384 480354 or 07773 125807.

**scrap vehicles**

**OUR ADVERTISERS** are reminded that it is an offence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 to buy scrap cars/metal for cash.

**MCB**  
**TOP PRICES PAID FOR ALL SCRAP CARS, VANS, BIKES, CLASSICS**  
**Tel: 01902 408176**  
**1000's of parts available at all times**  
**MONMORE RD. WV1 2TZ**

**ABC AUTO SALVAGE**  
**WANTED URGENT**  
Scrap & MOT Failures Best Prices Paid ELV Registered  
Spare Parts Always Available  
**0121 557 0800 or 0121 557 0400. Evening 07813 184611**  
Oldbury Area.

**vehicles wanted**

**alan reed cars**  
Used cars wanted for cash Top prices paid. HP settled. Buyer could call.  
**01562 711083 / 07831 245313**

**A1 AUTOS WANTED**  
CARS, VANS, 4x4s, SCRAP, MOT FAILURES, ANY CONDITION £50-£10,000  
**WE BUY QUALITY USED CARS 07527 303 336 (24/7, any area) T&C Apply**

**CROWN MOTORS** guarantee best price for your unwanted cars/vans. 07903 549849, buyer will call.

**SELLING YOUR CAR?**  
We have a package to suit every budget. Packages start from as little as  
**£21.00 for 6 nights**  
Plus  
6 nights free if you do not sell.  
**CALL 01902 317878**

## spares & accessories

## tyres / wheels / exhausts

**SET OF 5 STUD ALLOYS** (4) size 215 / 65R 15, new tyres. £100 ono. 01902 826650

# 9

## Local Information

## public & legal notices

**ERIC LLOYD (Deceased)**

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of 21a Toys Lane Halesowen B63 2JX, who died on 26/11/2015, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 21/10/2016, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.

**TAYLOR FAWCETT**  
7 Princes Square  
Harrrogate HG1 1ND  
T478324

## LEGAL / PUBLIC NOTICES

For convenience you may fax any advertising requirements to  
**Marie Hogg on 01902 713146**  
or email [marie.hogg@expressandstar.co.uk](mailto:marie.hogg@expressandstar.co.uk)  
(remember to include a name/contact number for confirmation of receipt)

## SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Borough Council of Sandwell (Cheshire Road, Smethwick) (Temporary Road Closure) Order 2016, has made an Order to temporarily prohibit any vehicles from proceeding along Cheshire Road, Smethwick between Watery Lane and Edward Road. The maximum duration is 18 months, but the work is expected to be completed by 19/08/16, effective from 15/08/16. Traffic will be diverted via Edward Road, Rosefield Road, Watery Lane and vice-versa. Purpose – service connection by Balfour Beatty for National Grid Gas.

The Borough Council of Sandwell (Portway Road, Oldbury) (Temporary Road Closure) Order 2016, has made an Order to temporarily prohibit any vehicles from proceeding along Portway Road, Oldbury between 8pm and 6am from the junction with Wolverhampton Road (A4123) to Shidas Lane. The maximum duration is 18 months, but the work is expected to be completed by 06/09/16, effective from 20/08/16. Traffic will be diverted via Wolverhampton Road (A4123), Birchley Island, Churchbridge, Portway Road and vice-versa. Purpose – facilitate works to water main.

## SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Borough Council of Sandwell (Grove Street/Abberley Street, Smethwick) (Temporary Road Closure) Order 2016, intends to temporarily prohibit any vehicles from proceeding along Grove Street and Abberley Street, Smethwick between its junctions with Halberton Street and Dugdale Street. The maximum duration is 18 months, but the work is expected to be completed by 04/09/16, effective from 22/08/16. Traffic will be diverted via Halberton Street, Dudley Road and Dugdale Street and vice-versa. Purpose – sewer connections for the new Midland Metropolitan Hospital.

# 10

## Personals

general

**HAVE YOU CHECKED** your advertisement today? We would respectfully remind advertisers that it is their responsibility to inform the publishers of any mistakes or inaccuracies on the first day of publication.

## sports clubs

**WITHMOOR COLTS**

Charter Standard Community Status Club.

All Managers minimum FA Level 1 and CRC Checked.

New under 7's team are looking for players in all positions, (School year 2 in September)

**Please call Brendan on 07577 613172.**

## personal

**GENUINE ATTRACTIVE SLIM MAN 53**

GSOH, car owner, would like to meet genuine lady 40-58 for evenings, days out and friendship.

**Box Number P20473, Express and Star, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.**

**PROFESSIONAL LADY EARLY 50's**

Looking for professional male who is attractive, genuine and caring, enjoys quiet nights in, outdoor life and holidays abroad. Early 50's to mid 60's, who is caring, honest and respectable, no ties, must be willing to travel, for Friendship maybe more. Genuine replies only, previous responders need not write again thank you. Photo appreciated, returned.

**Box Number P20471, Express and Star, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.**

**YOUNG AT HEART 70+ GENT**

Tall, slim, car owner. Would like to meet a lady who preferably is slim and tall, local, wants to share the good things in life.

Seaside visits, meals out, general companionship. Please write to:  
**Box Number C20478, Express and Star, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.**

# Buy and sell with ClassifiedAds



**1** Visit our ClassifiedAds website  
[classifiedads.expressandstar.co.uk](http://classifiedads.expressandstar.co.uk)

**2** Call our Classified sales team on **01902 317 878**

**3** Self Serve - Create your own advert in print and online - visit:  
[bookanad.expressandstar.co.uk](http://bookanad.expressandstar.co.uk)

# ClassifiedAds

BUY LOCAL, SELL LOCAL

Brought to you by **Express & Star**





Cannock hockey club's title-winning line-up of 1996 – the first of seven league championships during a 10-year period of dominance



Bobby Crutchley is now England national coach

# Club champions go for gold in Olympics role

## SPORTING FEATURE

By Adam Cooper

***"We had won the league at a canter but you could only call yourselves champions if you won the final. We did."***

**THIS** year marks the 20th anniversary since the Cannock Men's Hockey team won their first national championship. This success, in 1995/96, was the first of many in what was a dominant period for the side.

Since the league's inception in 1988/89, Cannock have won the National League seven times, with all seven titles coming in a 10-year period, starting with that 1996 triumph.

During the same period, Cannock also won three national cups and lifted the double in both 1998 and 2005.

Cannock's success was highlighted by the personal achievements of a number of the players. From 1998-2004 Cannock were proudly represented by a number of players at Olympic Games. Craig Parnham competed at both Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004, Jimi Lewis was also at Sydney and Chris Mayer competed four years previously in Atlanta.

### Treasured

After such successful careers at Cannock, and at national level, all three have taken the opportunity to be involved in coaching.

Parnham is the current USA women's head coach, Lewis, a former netminder, is the current goalkeeper coach for the German national team, while Mayer currently coaches at Solihull School, having previously coached for England, and Leicester Ladies.

All three hold treasured memories of their time at Cannock, most notably their play-off success against Reading in 1999, in which all three played. The game went to penalties after Cannock fought back from 3-1 down to draw. Lewis earned hero status, saving three of the six flicks he faced.

Mayer saw it as the ultimate achievement. "It was

the first year that play-offs had been done, we had won the league at a canter but you could only call yourselves champions if you won the final. We did."

It wasn't until the late-1980s that Cannock began to be recognised as an elite club. The biggest step was qualifying for the National League in 1988, meaning the club could compete and attract some of the sport's biggest names. What followed was a dominant 10 years and Cannock's most successful period to date.

The 90s saw Cannock recognised as an elite coaching and training club, which in turn boosted their status, though Lewis admits he found it tough to leave Havant, where he had previously spent his entire career.

"I'd moved up through the youth teams into the first team. We got relegated in the 1996/97 season and to continue competing for a spot in the men's senior national team I decided I needed to be playing for a Premier League team," he said.

"I knew a lot of Cannock players through the national team set up and I liked the working man's attitude of the club."

Mayer, meanwhile, saw it as an opportunity to follow in his family's footsteps. Having watched his el-

ders play before him for a number of years, he wanted to continue the family legacy.

He said: "My father was a player at the club and both my brother and I used to go and watch him play. Once old enough I started to play for the club. My first game was for the sixth team when I was 11. I played left wing. We lost 10-0! My grandfather, uncle and brother all played at Cannock too."

Parnham's decision was based simply on Cannock's status as the best in the country.

With the Rio Olympics now under way, both Lewis and Parnham, who will be coaching their respective nations at the Games against Team GB, coached by former Cannock team-mate Bobby Crutchley who has been involved with the national side since 2005.

During his playing career Crutchley played worldwide for both club and country. At club level, he played in Australia and Italy as well as at a number of clubs in England and won numerous titles at both Cannock and Hounslow. Crutchley was top scorer in all three countries and earned the right to play at national level when he won bronze at the 1998 Commonwealth Games.

Crutchley also took the opportunity to coach part-time, gaining valuable experience with regard to his current position as England first-team coach.

He said: "I had done a lot of coaching while still playing, so had a significant amount of experience when I finished playing. I then got really lucky getting the job at the University of Bath, where a number of other sports were based, so I got the opportunity to learn from a lot of highly successful coaches. During this time I started to work with the England junior teams and gradually got more opportunities."

Crutchley is hoping to lead England to their first gold medal since 1988, Lewis will be seeking a back-to-back gold medal with the German national team, while Parnham will strive for the USA women's first ever Olympic gold.



Cannock players celebrate winning the national league in 1998



Chris Mayer - family affair



Craig Parnham in action for Cannock



Jimi Lewis - penalty hero in 1999



Just champion as Cannock celebrate the National League winners trophy in 2003



## Griffiths is buoyant after gutsy victory

**STAND-IN** Halesowen skipper Wes Griffiths was delighted to end his temporary stint on a high with a tense win over Cannock & Rugeley Hawks last Saturday.

A brilliant century from teenage batsman Musharraf Shazad (107) led them to a solid 228 all out from 55 overs.

They then put in a superb all-around bowling performance, led by overseas player Dylan Ross-Watt (3-50), to dismiss their opponents for 206 with six overs remaining.

It was a gutsy display from Halesowen to claim 24 points and move up to fifth in the Birmingham and District League Division Two ahead of an away clash with Penkridge this Saturday.

Griffiths, who will take a back seat again next week with the return of club captain Richard Brooker, was in jubilant mood. "I can't remember one ever feeling so sweet," he said. "We showed some unbelievable character to come back from some difficult positions."

"It was a really good team effort and hopefully the momentum can keep going through the next few weeks."

The Second XI saw their poor form continue with a comprehensive, seven-wicket defeat at the hands of Kidderminster. They were struggling with player unavailability and injuries as they collapsed to 101 all out despite a determined half-century from Juhar Johal.

Their opponents had no trouble chasing their target for the loss of just three wickets, and they will now aim to get back to winning ways at home against Knowle & Dorridge on Saturday.

Good knocks from John Aston (55) and Callum Gutteridge (42) were not enough for the Thirds to chase down a total of 236 against Bromsgrove. They host Himley on Saturday (1pm), whilst the Fourths return to action at Himley.

## Thomas and team miss out on Rio gymnastics medal

**KRISTIAN** Thomas and his GB teammates missed out on a team gymnastics medal at the Rio Olympics.

Wolverhampton-born Thomas, who trains in Halesowen, saw his team holding on to third place for most of the competition, before being nudged into fourth. Louis Smith slipped off the pommel horse, scoring 14.766 and effectively ending their slim chances of nudging back in on the medals.

Even a strong finale from world champion Max Whitlock, scoring 15.991, could not rectify the situation as the Britons – also including Brinn Bevan and Nile Wilson – were forced to settle for fourth.

But Thomas insists they will not dwell on the disappointment. Individual medals are still up for grabs.

Thomas said: "It didn't happen here, but we have all got individual finals so we can now re-focus and head towards them."

In the team event, Japan took gold, Russia silver and 2102 champions China, who had hardly figured until a stunning parallel bars performance in the penultimate routine, taking bronze.

## Singh adds to his double success

**JORDAN** Singh claimed his first BDO ranking title in two years after going all of the way at the European Youth Open.

The England Youth international was the top boy in the prospects' ranks competing at the same venue in Blackpool as the organisation's men and women.

The 17-year-old from Darlaston, who lives in Walsall, had previously taken International and British Open honours, but last weekend's glory ended a long wait to make it a hat-trick, beating Bradley Brooks in the final following his defeat of Dudley's Reece Colley in the last four.

### Darts

That was one prize settled on the inaugural European Darts Weekend, sponsored by the sports brand Winnmau and events company Shownights.com, at the Norbreck Castle Hotel.

Tipton's Jamie Hughes recorded the best run of the West Midlands throwers in the Saturday's European Classic, reaching the last 32.

Bloxwich's Shaun Carroll was also in Group Four but lost 4-3 to Bryn Suckley after eliminating Ross Gilder Jnr and Carl Dannel. Stuckley went on to put out Hughes following his wins over

Geraint Davies 4-1, and then 4-3 results over Andrew Beaumont and Dave Parletti.

Cannock's Mark Craddock, Wednesbury's Matthew Dicken, Wolverhampton's Michael Baker and Tipton's Chris Glover all bowed out after their first tie.

Hughes was also the pick of the West Midlands' darters in Sunday's European Open, going a phase further to the last 16. Carroll made it to the last 32 in Group Five, while Baker got to the last 64 in Group Two.

Craddock, after a bye, was beaten 4-1 by Matt Padgett at the last 128 stage in Group Five, after Dicken and Glover had already gone out.

# AT DOUBLE FOR HAMMER WIN

**FORMER** Cradley Heathens hero Steve Worrall made history with a dramatic win in the 2016 F.A.S.T Golden Hammer at Monmore Green.

Worrall became the first rider of the modern era to win their showpiece individual event on two occasions after a tense run-off win over Kyle Howarth.

Having also won the prize in 2014, he joins an illustrious club of multiple Golden Hammer winners alongside former world champions Erik Gundersen and Sam Ermolenko plus iconic British talent Kenny Carter.

Worrall, who led Heathens to a clean sweep of National League honours two years ago, was pre-meeting favourite and roared around Wolves reserve Kyle Howarth on the opening bend of heat two for a crucial victory. Home favourite Ashley Morris lowered Worrall's colours with a brave first bend in heat seven, but Worrall sliced under Cradley skipper Max Clegg on the fourth bend of lap two to limit the damage.

From then, he was imperious – reeling off three successive race wins.

Third place went to Josh Bates on countback courtesy of his win over Heathens' Morris, who was unfortunate to miss out having been the only rider to defeat Worrall.

**F.A.S.T GOLDEN HAMMER** (top eight): Steve Worrall 14 (1st after run-off), Kyle Howarth 14, Josh Bates 12, Ashley Morris 12, Max Clegg 11, Adam Ellis 10, Dan Bewley 9, Adam Roynon 9, Tom Perry 7, Ben Morley 5, Matt Williamson 5, Nathan Greaves 4, Lee Dicken 4, Luke Chessell 1, Richard Andrews 1, Lee Smart 1, Ben Basford 0 (res), Bradley Andrews 0 (res).

**DEADLY** duo Ashley Morris and Max Clegg secured a last-gasp maximum to maintain Heathens' play-off push, beating Isle of Wight 45-44. The hosts led by three going into the last race but Morris and Clegg secured the 5-1 they needed.

**Isle of Wight** Mark Baisey 10+1, James Cockle 10, Lee Smart 10, Kelsey Dugard 6+2, Chris Widman 6+1, George Piper 2, Tyler Govier 0

**Cradley** Ashley Morris 14, Max Clegg 10+1, Luke Chessell 7+1, Bradley Andrews 7+1, Richard Andrews 5+1, Ben Basford 2+1, James Purchase 2/r



Winner Steve Worrall

## Cyclist triumphs over tragedy



Halesowen Cycling Club's Charles Walker

**THIS** year has been a breakthrough one for Halesowen Cycling Club's Charles Walker. The 19-year-old has risen through the ranks thanks to 11 wins, including overall victory in the prestigious Ras De Cymru stage race.

Walker, a bike mechanic at Lye's Bache Brothers cycle shop, has been with the Manor Way club since the age of 13. An elite licence, which would allow him to race regularly with the best domestic professionals, is now within reach. Yet it could so easily have been a tale of tragedy.

In March Walker, riding home from work, was hit from behind by a car doing 60mph on the Halesowen bypass. His injuries included a dislocated shoulder and damage to his hip. It could have been far worse but he insists it has left him with no mental scars.

"I guess I just had to get on with it," he says. "I just got back on my bike. I missed around five or six weeks at a pretty important time and, to be honest, I wasn't expecting much when I came back."

However, since his return, Walker has just seemed to win – and win. He gives most of the credit to his coach, Jacob Tipper, a former Halesowen rider who now races on the elite circuit for the Pedal Heaven team.

"I'm as determined as I've always been yet being on a slightly different training programme has helped," Walker said.

"I know how to win the races now," he added. "I've always been there or thereabouts in the past. Once I got that first win, everything seemed much easier."

## Hatton leads his charges into battle

**BOXING** legend Ricky Hatton will co-promote a bill at Walsall FC next month.

Hatton will be in the corner when two of his proteges feature in chief support bouts for the On the Rise card at the Banks's Stadium on September 2, held in conjunction with Errol Johnson's Black Country Boxing.

Headlining at the Stadium Suite will be Halesowen's super middleweight Lennox Clarke.

The undefeated 25-year-old is looking to extend his record to 13 wins, having already registered five TKOs, without reply.

Hatton will lead heavyweight Nathan Gorman and super welterweight Reuben Arrowsmith into battle, as part of the supporting cast.

Three more bouts comprise the under-card with Sandwell's Manny Zaber, Wolverhampton's Kyle Williams and Adam Harper all featuring.

Zaber, from Old Hill, has racked up seven wins from seven pro contests since turning over from the unlicensed circuit and is targeting a super featherweight showdown with Dudley's Les Byfield.

Former world kickboxing champion Williams 24, aims to make it a hat-trick of boxing victories after outpointing Anwar Alfadli and Ian Halsall at ban-tamweight so far.

Harper, from Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire, has claimed British and International Challenge middleweight titles in just five contests since first punching for pay.

Tickets are on sale now at £30 for a standard unreserved seat with VIPs at £60, including a two-course meal on tables of 10.

For more information and to purchase, call the Walsall FC box office on 01922 651 414, extension 416.

## Injury blow as Yeltz fall at home again

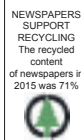
**Halesowen Town 2 Gresley FC 4** HALESOWEN suffered a third consecutive home friendly defeat. The Yeltz also suffered a double early injury blow with Ashley Parsons-Smith stretched out in the 10th minute after bundling into Matt Melbourne in the penalty area.

A penalty was awarded and Pearson Mwanoyongo scored. Parsons-Smith's replacement Bradley Lewis lasted two minutes before limping off, to be replaced by Asa Charlton.

Courtney Meade put Gresley 2-0 ahead before Yeltz pulled two back from a trialist and Tyree Clarke. Toby Fura added two more for Gresley.

★★★

The Chronicle, a Midland News Association Ltd publication, printed by the company at Ketterly, Telford. Thursday, August 11, 2016



# Starkey Electrical Ltd

Halesowen based Domestic, Commercial & Industrial Electricians

info@starkeyelectrical.co.uk www.starkeyelectrical.co.uk

0121 423 3883 / 0844 561 7244 Office / 07967 650567

Starkey Electrical Ltd - Your local, energy efficient electrician



Follow us on